

This Day In History - Chronology  
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# Pre ~ 1920

**2333 B.C.**

**n.d.**      Founding of Old Choson (Korea) by Tan'gun, legendary founder of Korea

**472**

**n.d.**      Birth of Da Seong Moon, founder of Nampyeong Moon Clan

**1329**

**Feb 8**      Birth of Ik Chom Moon (d. 1398), illustrious Moon ancestor credited with introducing cottonseed to Korea

**1397**

**May 7**      Birth of King Sejong the Great (d.1450), inventor of Han'gul Korean alphabet

**1592**

**May 23**      Japanese invasion of Korea under Shogun Toyotomi Hideyoshi (1537-98)

**1877**

**tbd**      Birth of Yoon Guk Moon (d. 1959), Presbyterian minister and Korean patriot, Rev. Moon's great-uncle

**1890**

**Feb 15**      LC Birth of Kyoung Gye Kim (d. ), Rev. Moon's mother

**1893**

**Jul 11**      Kyung Yu Moon, True Father's father, born

**1905**

**Nov 17**      Japan-Korea (*Eul-sa*) Treaty of Protection deprived Korea of diplomatic

sovereignty and made Korea a protectorate of Imperial Japan.

## 1907

**Jan** Great Pyongyang Revival increases number of new Christian converts and the growing establishment of Korean Christianity

## 1910

**Aug 22** Japan-Korea Annexation Treaty officially starts period of Japanese rule in Korea

## 1914

**Feb 22** LC Birth of Soon Ae Hong (Dae Mo Nim, d. 1989), True Mother's mother

## 1915

**Mar 5** Birth of Young Soo Moon, Rev. Moon's elder brother

## 1919

**Mar 1** [March 1st Korean Independence Movement](#)

# 1920's

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**Jan 6** LC (February 25 by the solar calendar) Birth of True Father Sun Myung Moon Jeongju, North Pyeongan Province

# 1930's

## 1930

**Apr 1** Transfers to Osan Private Primary School, third grade

## 1935

**Apr 1** Transfers to Jeongju Public Primary School, Seoul, fourth grade

**Apr 17** [True Father encounters Jesus on Easter morning](#)

## 1938

**Mar 25** Graduates from Jeongju Public Primary School

**Apr 12** Enters Gyeongseong School of Commerce and Industry, majoring in electrical engineering

# 1940's

## 1941

**Mar 8** Graduates from Gyeongseong School of Commerce and Industry

**Apr 1** [True Father departs Korea to study in Japan](#)

**Apr** Enters the Waseda Technical High School affiliated with Waseda University, Tokyo, majoring in electrical engineering

**Dec 7** [Japan attacks Pearl Harbor](#)

## 1943

**Jan 6** LC (February 10 by the solar calendar) Birth of True Mother Hak Ja Han Anju, North Pyeongan Province

**n.d.** While studying in Japan, researches and systematizes the Principle

**Sep 30** Graduates from the Waseda Technical High School

**Oct** Returns to Korea after completing studies in Japan

**Oct 5** [Konron Maru Ferryboat sunk](#)

## 1944

**Oct** Detained at Gyeonggi Provincial Police Station for work in the underground anti-Japanese movement; endures severe torture

**Jun 6**     [D-Day landing in Europe](#)

## **1945**

**Feb 1**     [True Father released from his first imprisonment](#)

**Aug 15**     [Japan surrenders, World War II ends](#)

**Aug**       Moves from Heukseok-dong to Sangdo-dong in Seoul

**Oct**       Ministers at Kim Baek-moon's Israel Monastery in Sangdo-dong

## **1946**

**May**       Kim Baek-moon testifies to True Father, "You are a man with the mission of King Solomon," yet he does not follow True Father

**May 27**     God commands him to go to North Korea; departs the same day

**Jun 6**       [True Father arrives in Pyeongyang, North Korea](#)

**Aug 11**     Jailed at the Daedong Detention Center; attempts to contact Rev. Heo Ho-bin fail, and he is tortured

**Nov 21**     [True Father released from Pyongyang Jail](#)

## **1947**

**n.d.**       Serves Pak Eul-yong, "the Wife of Jehovah," who testifies, "You are the embodiment of God"

**n.d.**       43-day battle for victory in the spirit world; receives Gods Royal Seal regarding the words of the Principle

## **1948**

**Feb 22**     [True Father arrested a second time in Korea](#)

**Apr 7**       Sentenced to five years in prison for "disrupting the social order" and transferred to Pyongyang Prison

**May 20**     Transferred from Pyongyang Prison to Bongoong Labor Camp

**Jun 21**     Transferred to the Heungnam Special Labor Camp in Deok-ri, Heungnam

- Aug 15**     [Republic of Korea is established](#)
- Sep 9**     Sentence reduced to 3 years and 4 months, on the occasion of the establishment of North Korean government
- n.d.**     True Mother is given a blessing by the mother of Heo Ho-bin, founder of the Inside the Womb Church
- n.d.**     True Mother crosses 38th parallel with Jo Won-mo (maternal grandmother) and her mother Hong Soon-ae (Daemonim)

# 1950's

## 1950

- Apr**     True Mother enters Hyochang Elementary School, Seoul.
- Jun 25**     [Korean War begins](#)
- Jun 28**     True Mother flees Seoul due to advancing North Korean army
- Aug 1**     Heavy bombing of Heungnam fertilizer factory
- Sep 28**     True Mother returns to Seoul after the city is retaken by the South.
- Oct 14**     [True Father released from Heungnam Labor Camp](#)
- Oct 24**     Arrives in Pyongyang and spends 40 days searching for the members of his church
- Dec 4**     [True Father departs Pyongyang for the South](#)
- Dec 27**     Arrives in Seoul and takes up residence in Heukseok-dong.

## 1951

- Jan 3**     Leaves Seoul to seek refuge ahead of the advancing Chinese communist army
- Jan 4**     True Mother leaves Seoul again to seek refuge further south.
- Jan**     True Father journeys from Gyeongju to Busan with Kim Won-pil
- Jan 18**     ["The Saddest Day"](#)
- Jan 27**     [True Father and Won Pil Kim arrive in Pusan](#)
- Jan 28**     Meets Kwak No-pil, a friend from his school days
- Jan 31**     Moves in with Aum Duk-mun, a schoolmate in Japan, after meeting him

on the street

**May 11** Begins writing Wolli Wonbon (Original Text of the Divine Principle) in Gwejeongdong, Busan

**May-Aug** Lives at a boarding house at Beomnaetgol, Busan

**Aug** Builds a cardboard and mud hut at Beomnaetgol near Sujeong Mountain

## 1952

**May 10** True Father completes the original text of Divine Principle, witnesses to Kang, Hyeon-shil

**Dec 1** Witnesses to Lee Yo-han

## 1953

**Jan** Moves from Beomnaetgol to Sujeong-dong in Busan

**Jul 20** Sends Kang Hyeon-sil to Daegu for 40 days pioneer evangelism

**Sep 17** Moves his ministry from Busan to Seoul

**Dec 24** Special 25-day workshop to educate Eu Hyo-won and others, Yeongdo Island, Busan

## 1954

**Feb 9** Celebrates his 34<sup>th</sup> birthday in Daegu, going beyond Jesus' age of 33

**Apr 26** Moves to Bukhak-dong, Seongdong-gu, Seoul

**May 1** The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) Founded

**Jul** Appointment of the church's first three pastors: Eu Hyo-won for Seoul, Lee Bong-un for Busan, and Lee Yo-han for Daegu

**Dec 31** Founding of the Seonghwa Christian Students Association

## 1955

- Jan 17** Headquarters Church moves to Heungin-dong in Seongdong-gu, Seoul.
- Feb** True Mother moves to Yaksa-dong in Chuncheon, Gangwon Province, transfers to Bangui Elementary School in 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Feb 22** Founding of the Seonghwa Youth Association
- Mar 27** Inaugural edition of Seonghwa magazine
- Mar 30** First Divine Principle examination, Headquarters Church, Seoul
- Apr 20** [Rev. Young Hwi Kim joins the movement](#)
- Apr 27** Headquarters Church moves to Jangchung-dong in Jung-gu, Seoul.
- May 11** [Student members expelled from Ewha Womans University](#)
- Jul 4** [True Father arrested in Ewha Womans University incident](#)
- Sep 20** Their trial begins in Seoul District Court, Division 1
- Oct 4** [True Father released from Seodaemun Prison](#)
- Oct 7** [Cheongpa Dong \(Headquarters\) church purchased](#)
- Oct 23** [Seonghwa Student Council founded](#)

## 1956

- Mar** True Mother meets True Father for the first time
- Apr 10** True Mother enters Seongjeong Girls Middle School, Seoul (later renamed Seonjeong Middle School).
- Oct 4** Publication of Holy Songs
- Oct 14** Founding of the *Seonghwa* Adults Association

## 1957

- Jul 20** [40-day pioneer witnessing tradition begins](#)
- Aug 15** [Wolli Haesul published](#)

## 1958

- Jun 15** [Mission to Japan begins](#)
- Jun 27** Members are organized into trinities for the first time.
- Jul 7** [First car purchased for True Parents](#)
- Jul 15** [First successful Unification missionary arrives in Japan](#)

**Sep 12** Members are assigned to 120 outreach areas in Seoul by drawing lots.

## 1959

**Jan 2** [Dr. Young Oon Kim begins the American mission](#)  
**Jan 10** [First National Missionary Training Workshop](#)  
**Mar 7** Founding of the Yeong Seong Choir  
**Mar 25** True Mother graduates from Seongjeong Girls' Middle School  
**Apr** Enters Saint Josephs Nursing School  
**May 20** Establishment of the Yehwa Air Rifle Factory, the start of what later developed into Tongil Heavy Industries  
**Jul 10** [Street lecturing begins at Pagoda Park, Seoul](#)  
**Sep 18** [David S.C. Kim arrives as the second missionary to America](#)  
**Oct 2** [HSA-UWC Japan founded](#)

# 1960's

## 1960

**Feb** True Mother receives a message in a dream, "Prepare, for the day is approaching"  
**Feb 24** True Father gives out Holy Tickets to members  
**Feb 26** True Father and True Mother meet for Heaven's betrothal.  
**Mar 13** [Decorative stones distributed in Cheongpa-dong church](#)  
**Mar 27** (3.1 LC) True Parents' Engagement Ceremony  
[Parents' Day established](#)  
**Apr** Engagement of 3 Couples as condition for True Parents' Holy Wedding  
**Apr 11** [True Parents' Holy Wedding](#)  
Distribution of Holy Salt  
The beginning of the First Seven-Year Course  
**Apr 16** [Three couples Holy Marriage Blessing](#)  
**Apr 17** [The Day of the Resurrection of Shimjeong proclaimed](#)  
**Oct 14** Organization of the Headquarters Church

- Nov 19**    [Children's Day established](#)
- Nov 21**    [Young Oon Kim relocates to San Francisco](#)

### **1961**

- Jan 27**    ( 12.11 LC) Birth of Ye-jin Moon, the first daughter  
Ceremony for the Restoration of the Four-Position Foundation
- Feb 11**    Establishment of Seonghwa Publishing Company
- Feb 20**    Inaugural edition of Seongno, a magazine of the Seonghwa Students Association
- Mar 14**    [Dr. Bo Hi Pak begins his mission in the United States](#)
- Apr 17**    Proclamation of the Day of the Resurrection of Substance
- May 15**    [33 Couples Holy Blessing Ceremony](#)
- Sep 18**    [HSA-UWC USA legally incorporated in America](#)

### **1962**

- May 5**    Founding of the Little Angels children s folk dance troupe
- Jun 4**    [72 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing](#)
- Oct 5**    [First Holy Grounds selected](#)
- Oct 28**    [True Parents introduce "My Pledge"](#)
- Dec 29**    (12.3 LC) Birth of Hyo-jin Moon, the first son

### **1963**

- Feb 8**    Blessing of 26 already married couples
- Mar 28**    Singles Blessing, of 41 widows and widowers
- May 22**    [Peter Koch departs as first missionary to Europe](#)
- May 31**    [HSA officially registered in Korea](#)
- Jun 26**    [Launching ceremony of \*Cheon Seung Ho\* \(Heavens Victory\)](#)
- Jul 24**    [124 couples Holy Blessing](#)

**Jul 26** (5.1 LC) Proclamation of the Day of All Things

**Oct 4** [Unification Church obtains legal standing in Korea](#)

**Nov 8** Inaugural Meeting of the Seonghwa Alumni Association

## 1964

**Apr 14** Awards given to 40 members for exemplary effort during the 3-year course.

**May 12** Establishment of the Indemnity Fund Offering

**Jul 15** HSA-UWC is registered in Japan.

**Jul 28** Birth of Hye-jin Moon (She ascended 8 days later, on August 4)

**Dec 11** [German Unification Church legally registered](#)

**Dec 31** [Holy Ground providence begins](#)

## 1965

**Jan 28 - Oct 10** [True Father begins first world tour](#)

**Jan 31 - Feb 10** Tour of Japan, establishment of 8 holy grounds

<b>Jan 31</b> Tokyo	Takamatsu	<b>Feb 8</b> Sapporo
<b>Feb 2</b> Nagoya	<b>Feb 5</b>	<b>Feb 10</b> Sendai
<b>Feb 3</b> Osaka	Hiroshima	
<b>Feb 4</b>	<b>Feb 6</b> Fukuoka	

**Feb 13 - Mar 31** [Tour of America, establishment of 55 holy grounds](#)

<b>Feb 13</b> San Francisco, CA	Oklahoma City, OK	<b>Mar 7</b> Tampa, FL
<b>Feb 19</b> Los Angeles, CA	<b>Mar 3</b> Kansas City, KS	<b>Mar 8</b> Miami Beach, FL
<b>Feb 25</b> Mt. Whitney, CA	<b>Mar 4</b> St. Louis, MO	<b>Mar 8</b> Key West
<b>Feb 25</b> Death Valley	<b>Mar 5</b> Paducah, KY	<b>Mar 10</b> Savannah, GA
<b>Feb 25</b> Las	<b>Mar 5</b>	<b>Mar 10</b>

Vegas, NV	Memphis, TN	Columbia, SC
<b>Feb 26</b>	<b>Mar 5</b> Little	<b>Mar 11</b>
Phoenix, AZ	Rock, AR	Raleigh, NC
<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Mar 6</b> Jackson,	<b>Mar 11</b>
Albuquerque,	MI	Richmond, VA
NM	<b>Mar 6</b> New	<b>Mar 12</b>
<b>Feb 28</b> Dallas,	Orleans, LA	Martinsburg,
TX	<b>Mar 7</b> Mobile,	WV
<b>Mar 1</b>	AL	

**Mar 12** Washington, DC: two holy grounds on lawns near the White House and the US Capitol Building

<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Mar 18</b>	DE
Baltimore, MD	Wilmington,	

**Mar 18** [Philadelphia, PA; Arthur Ford sitting with True Father](#)

<b>Mar 18</b>	Cleveland, OH	Lincoln, NE
Trenton, NJ	<b>Mar 21</b> Detroit,	<b>Mar 24</b>
<b>Mar 18</b> New	MI	Cheyenne, WY
York, NY	<b>Mar21</b>	<b>Mar 24</b> Denver,
<b>Mar 19</b> New	Hammond, IN	CO
Haven, CT	<b>Mar21</b>	<b>Mar 25</b> Salt
<b>Mar 19</b>	Chicago, IL	Lake City, UT
Providence, RI	<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Mar 26</b> Boise,
<b>Mar 19</b> Boston,	Madison, WI	ID
MA	<b>Mar 22</b> Saint	<b>Mar 27</b>
<b>Mar 19</b>	Paul, MN	Missoula MT
Portsmouth,	<b>Mar 23</b> Fargo,	<b>Mar 27</b>
NH	ND	Seattle, WA
<b>Mar 19</b> Kittery,	<b>Mar 23</b> Sioux	<b>Mar 28</b>
ME	Falls, SD	Portland, OR
<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Mar 23</b> Sioux	<b>Mar 29</b>
Brattleboro, VT	City, IA	Eugene, OR
<b>Mar 20</b>	<b>Mar 23</b>	

**Mar 30** Returns to San Francisco, question and answer session with

members

**Mar 31** Flies to Washington, DC

**May 3** Visits the United Nations Headquarters in New York

**May 18** [Rev. Paul Werner pioneers Austria](#)

**Jun 25** [True Father meets President Dwight D. Eisenhower](#)

**Jul 1** Visits Canada and establishes a holy ground in Ottawa

**Jul 3-9** Tour of Central and South America to establish 5 holy grounds

<b>Jul 4</b> Panama:	Bogota	Argentina:
Panama City	<b>Jul 6</b> Chile:	Buenos Aires
<b>Jul 5</b>	Santiago	<b>Jul 9</b> Brazil:
Colombia:	<b>Jul 6</b>	Rio de Janeiro

**Jul 10** Tour of Europe to establish 20 holy grounds

<b>Jul 10</b>	Berlin	Geneva
Portugal:	<b>Jul 29</b>	<b>Aug 13</b>
Lisbon	Germany:	Switzerland:
<b>Jul 12</b> Spain:	Frankfurt	The Alps
Madrid	<b>Aug 6</b>	<b>Aug 14</b>
<b>Jul 14</b>	Germany:	Liechtenstein:
England:	Essen	Vaduz
London	<b>Aug 6</b>	<b>Aug 15</b>
<b>Jul 20</b>	Netherlands:	Austria: Vienna
Denmark:	Amsterdam	<b>Aug 17</b> Italy:
Copenhagen	<b>Aug 8</b> Belgium:	Trieste
<b>Jul 22</b> Norway:	Brussels	<b>Aug 18</b> Italy:
Oslo	<b>Aug 9</b>	Rome
<b>Jul 24</b>	Luxembourg	<b>Aug 20</b>
Sweden:	<b>Aug 10</b> France:	Vatican City
Stockholm	Paris	<b>Aug 22</b>
<b>Jul 26</b>	<b>Aug 12</b>	Greece:
Germany:	Switzerland:	Athens

**Aug 14** (7.18 LC) Birth of In-jin Moon (daughter)

**Aug 24** Tour of the Middle East to establish 8 holy grounds

**Aug 24** Egypt: Cairo [Garden of Gethsemane](#)

**Aug 28** Jordan: Mt. Nebo, **Sep 1** The West Bank:

near Amman

**Aug 30** The West Bank: Mt. Gerizim

**Aug 30** [Israel: Jerusalem](#)

**Sep 7** [Little Angels' first overseas tour](#)

**Sep 7** Tour of Asia to establish 8 holy grounds

**Sep 7** India: New Delhi (Saigon)

**Sep 14** Singapore **Sep 14** Philippines: Manila

**Sep 15** Malaysia: Johor **Sep 15** Hong Kong

**Sep 17** Thailand: Bangkok **Sep 17** Taiwan: Taipei

**Sep 19** Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh City

**Sep 29 - Oct 9** Tour of Japan

**Oct 10** Return to Korea after concluding the First World Tour

**Nov 12** [Sang Ik "Papa-san" Choi arrives in San Francisco](#)

**Dec 7 - 22** Establishes holy grounds in 8 cities in Korea

<b>Dec 8</b> Chuncheon	<b>Dec 14</b> Busan	<b>Dec 19</b> Daejeon
<b>Dec 11</b> Cheongju	<b>Dec 17</b> Gwangju	<b>Dec 22</b> Suwon
<b>Dec 12</b> Daegu	<b>Dec 18</b> Jeonju	

**Dec 31** Establishes four holy grounds in Seoul: Gujin Peak, Mt. Inwang, Heukseok-dong and Taeneung royal tombs.

## 1966

**Jan 1** Establishes holy grounds at Namsan, Mt. Dobong and Cheongpa-dong, completing the establishment of 120 holy grounds.

**Jan 5** Publication of *Wolli Kangnon* (Exposition of the Divine Principle)

**Jan 10** [Establishment of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles \(CARP\)](#)

**Mar 12** [First National Messiah Workshop](#)

**Apr 15** Dedication of the Tong 11 Industries factory, Sutaek-ri, Gyeonggi Province

**May 1** [Wolli Kangnon \(Exposition of the Divine Principle\) published](#)

**Nov 7** [Inter-Denominational Christian Association established](#)

**Dec 4** (10.23 LC) Birth of Heung-jin Moon (son)

## 1967

**Jun 12-21** True Fathers Tour of Japan

<b>Jun 12</b> Tokyo	Hiroshima	<b>Jul 19</b>
<b>Jul 8</b> Nagoya	<b>Jul 12</b> Fukuoka	Maebashi
<b>Jul 9</b> Osaka	<b>Jul 17</b>	<b>Jul 20</b>
<b>Jul 10</b> Kochi	Sapporo	Kanazawa
<b>Jul 11</b>	<b>Jul 18</b> Sendai	<b>Jul 21</b> Tokyo

**Sep 3** [Takarazuka Training Center opens in Japan](#)

**Dec 24** (11.23 LC) Birth of Un-jin Moon (daughter)

## 1968

**Jan 1** [God's Day Established](#)

**Jan 13** [Founding of the International Federation for Victory Over Communism \(IFVOC\)](#)

**Feb 4** Beginning of the Second Seven-Year Course

**Feb 22** [430 Couples Holy Blessing](#)

**Apr 1** IFVOC established in Japan

**Sep 9** True Father speaks at a conference on new religions. Christian Academy House

**Oct 30** First Unification Missionary enters communist Czechoslovakia

**Dec 18** First Korean-Japanese Friendship Hunting Competition, Jeju Island

**Dec** Establishment of Freedom Leadership Foundation (FLF), Washington, DC

## 1969

**Feb 2** [True Parents begin Second World Tour \(Feb 2-May 2\)](#)

**Feb 2** Tour of Japan

**Feb 4-mid March** [True Father's Second World Tour stop in USA](#)

**Feb 4** Arrival at San Francisco International Airport

**Feb 8** Los Angeles Church

**Feb 9** Upshur House national headquarters, Washington, DC

**Feb 28** [Holy Marriage Blessing of 13 American couples](#)

**Mar 15** [True Father writes to Korean Unificationists during second world tour](#)

**Mar 16-Apr 11** Tour of Europe

**Mar 16** Portugal: Lisbon

**Apr 2** France: Paris

**Mar 18** Spain: Barcelona

**Apr 4** Switzerland: Geneva

**Mar 20** England: London

**Apr 5** Austria: Vienna

**Mar 24** Germany: Essen

**Apr 7** Italy: Rome

**Mar 29** The Netherlands:

**Apr 10** Greece: Athens

Amsterdam

**Mar 28** [43-couple Holy Marriage Blessing in Essen, Germany](#)

**Apr 12-16** Tour of the Middle East

**Apr 12** Egypt

**Apr 14** Israel

**Apr 13** Cyprus

**Apr 16** Iran

**May 1** [Holy Blessing of 22 Japanese couples](#)

**May 2** Return to Korea at the conclusion of the of Second World Tour

**May 11** Appointment of Paul Werner as national leader of Germany, and Peter Koch as national leader of Austria

**May 23** Conference of Japanese anti-communist leaders, Ambassador Hotel, Seoul

**May 25** (4.10 LC) Birth of Hyun-jin Moon (son)

**Jun 1** Beginning of a worldwide 120-day prayer condition

**Oct 7** IFVOC rally, Japan

**Nov 1** Opening of the Tongil Printing House, Sutaek-ri, Gyeonggi Province

**Dec 9** [Korean Cultural Foundation established.](#)

# 1970's

## 1970

- Jan 21** [First Victory over Communism \(VOC\) Asian Rally](#)
- Feb 10** [Central Training Center founded](#)
- Apr 15** HSA-UWC joins the Association of Religions in Korea
- Jul 15** True Father meets leaders of several religions, church headquarters, Seoul
- Jul 17** (6.14 LC) Birth of Kook-jin Moon (son)
- Sep 14-15** 4<sup>th</sup> World Anti-Communist League Convention, Nippon Budokan Hall, Tokyo.
- Oct 21** [777 couples Holy Blessing](#)
- Dec 1** [Korean Blessed wives depart for three-year condition](#)
- Dec 20** [Tongil Segye begins publication](#)

## 1971

- Jan 21** Launch of the International Womens Federation for Victory Over Communism
- Feb 26** Establishment of Ilshin Stone Co., Jeonju, North Jeolla Province
- Feb 28** [One World Crusade \(OWC\) established](#)
- Mar 16** ["One World Crusade" Bus Teams Traverse the United States](#)
- Jun 17** [Construction begins at Cheongpyeong Training Center](#)
- Jul 4** Inaugural edition of the newspaper *Weekly Religion*
- Aug 12** [First national workshop for pastors](#)
- Dec 5, 1971-May 8, 1972** Third World Tour: True Parents visit 15 nations
- Dec 5** Arrival in Tokyo, Japan
- Dec 11** [True Parents arrive in America](#)
- Dec 12** Arrival in Toronto, Canada
- Dec 16** Founding of 11 Hwa Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

- Dec 18** [True Parents arrive in Washington, D.C.](#)
- Dec 31** For the first time True Father directly leads a Divine Principle workshop in America.

## 1972

- Jan 4** [True Father plans his inaugural speaking tour](#)
- Feb 3** [7-City Day of Hope Speaking Tour Begins](#)
- Feb 3** New York, NY: Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center
- Feb 8** Philadelphia, PA: Sheraton Hotel
- Feb 11** Baltimore, MD: Goucher College
- Feb 19** Washington, DC: George Washington University
- Feb 28** Los Angeles, CA: Ambassador Hotel
- [One World Crusade \(OWC\) established](#)
- Mar 4** San Francisco, CA: Scottish Rite Masonic Center
- Mar 9** Berkeley, CA: Claremont Hotel
- Mar 16** Tour of Europe, with speeches on three consecutive nights in each city
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| <p><b>Mar 16</b> Arrival in London, England</p> <p><b>Mar 20</b> London: Friends Meeting House</p> <p><b>Mar 23</b> Arrival in Essen, Germany</p> <p><b>Mar 23</b> Launch of the OWC-Europe</p> | <p><b>Mar 28</b> Essen: Saalbau Concert Hall</p> <p><b>Mar 31</b> Netherlands: Amsterdam</p> <p><b>Apr 2</b> France: Paris</p> <p><b>Apr 5</b> Austria: Vienna</p> <p><b>Apr 7</b> Italy: Rome</p> <p><b>Apr 10</b> Greece: Athens</p> |
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- Apr 3** Opening of the Unification Theological Seminary in Sutaek-ri, Gyeonggi Province
- Apr 11-19** Tour of Asia
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| <p><b>Apr 11</b> Israel: Tel Aviv</p> <p><b>Apr 13</b> Iran: Tehran</p> <p><b>Apr 15</b> India: New Delhi</p> | <p><b>Apr 17</b> Thailand: Bangkok</p> <p><b>Apr 19</b> Taiwan: Taipei</p> |
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- Apr 25** International Rally for Victory Over Communism, Tokyo, Japan

- Apr 29** Launch of One World Crusade (OWC)-Japan
- May 1** Opening of International Federation for Victory Over Communism (IFVOC) headquarters in Japan
- May 8** True Parents return to Korea.  
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- Aug 20** Establishment of the Unification Thought Institute, Seoul
- Oct 10** [Belvedere Estate purchased](#)
- Oct 19** Establishment of Hanguk Titanium Industry Co., Ltd., Gyeonggi Province
- Nov 21** True Parents' Fourth World Tour begins
- Nov 23** [First ICUS Conference begins](#)

## 1973

- Jan 16** European members attend a Divine Principle workshop in America.
- Jan 31** European members organize into ten mobile teams and are dispatched for missionary work in America.
- Feb 26** True Mother obtains permanent residency in the United States.
- Mar 1** [First 100-day training at the Belvedere Training Center](#)
- Apr 5** [True Father meets South Vietnam President Nguyễn Văn Thiệu](#)
- Apr 30** True Father obtains permanent residency in the United States.
- May 6** [Professors World Peace Academy \(PWPA\) founded](#)
- Jun 1** Publication of *Essentials of Unification Thought*
- Jun 3** [Billy Graham preaches to 1.1 million on Seoul's Yoido Island](#)
- Jun 30** Mobile Teams are organized in all fifty states of America.
- Jul 1** Proclamation of the Victorious Day of Celebration, Belvedere Training Center, Tarrytown, NY
- Jul 5** [First one hundred-day workshop in Japan](#)
- Jul 22** Rally to welcome True Parents home from the Fourth World Tour, Central Training Center, Sutaek-ri, Gyeonggi Province
- Aug 3** Opening of the Il Hwa Pharmaceutical Office Building, Sutaek-ri, Gyeonggi Province
- Sep 15** Founding of New Hope Singers International, Belvedere Training

Center, Tarrytown, NY

**Sep 22**     [Day of Hope Wall Street Rally](#)

**Oct 1**       [21-city "Day of Hope" speaking tour begins](#)

**Oct 1** New York, NY: Carnegie Hall

**Oct 6** Baltimore, MD: Lyric Theatre

**Oct 11** Philadelphia, PA: Scottish Rite Temple

**Oct 16** Boston, MA: John Hancock Hall

**Oct 20** Washington, DC: Lisner Auditorium, George Washington University

**Oct 26** New Orleans, LA: New Orleans Performing Arts Theater

**Oct 30** Dallas, TX: Dallas Municipal Central Theater

**Nov 3** Tampa, FL: Sheraton Hotel

**Nov 6** Atlanta, GA: Hyatt Regency House

**Nov 26** Omaha, NE: Burke High School

**Nov 30** Minneapolis, MN: West Bank Auditorium

**Dec 4** Cincinnati, OH: Convention Center

**Dec 9** Detroit, MI: Masonic Temple Auditorium

**Dec 12** Chicago, IL: McCormick Place

**Dec 16** Kansas City, MO: Capri Theatre

**Dec 20** Tulsa, OK: Assembly Hall

**Nov 2**       Establishment of the International Cultural Foundation (ICF)

**Nov 21**     2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, Imperial Hotel, Tokyo

**Nov 30**     ["Answer to Watergate" statement published](#)

**Dec 14**     [Unificationists support National Christmas Tree Lighting, meet Nixon](#)

**Dec 21**     [True Father's Watergate Statement Read into the Congressional Record](#)

**Dec 27**     [Little Angels benefit performance at the United Nations](#)

## 1974

**Jan 8**       21 -City Speaking Tour in America resumes

**Jan 8** Denver, CO: Phipps Auditorium

**Jan 13** Seattle, WA: San Juan Room, Seattle Center

**Jan 18** San Francisco, CA: Scottish Rite Auditorium

**Jan 22** Berkeley, CA: Zellerbach Auditorium, UC Berkeley

**Jan 27** Los Angeles, CA: Wilshire Hilton Hotel

**Jan 21**      [Barrytown property purchased](#)

**Jan 30**      European members organize into ten mobile teams and are dispatched for missionary work in America.

**Jan 31**      [True Father invited to the Presidential Prayer Breakfast](#)

**Feb 1**      [True Fathers meeting with President Nixon](#)

**Feb 15**      [True Parents' 32-City Day of Hope speaking tour begins](#)

**Feb 15-16** Portland, ME

**Mar 19-20** Des Moines, IA

**Feb 17-18** South Burlington,  
VT

**Mar 21-22** Little Rock, AR

**Mar 23-24** Jackson, MS

**Feb 19-20** Manchester, NH

**Mar 25-26** Wichita, KS

**Feb 21-22** Providence, RI

**Mar 27-28** Albuquerque, NM

**Feb 23-24** Hartford, CT

**Mar 29-30** Phoenix, AZ

**Feb 25-26** Princeton, NJ

**Mar 31-Apr 1** Las Vegas, NV

**Feb 27-28** Wilmington, DE

**Apr 2-3** Laramie, WY

**Mar 1-2** Richmond, VA

**Apr 4-5** Sioux Falls, SD

**Mar 3-4** Charleston, WV

**Apr 6-7** Fargo, ND

**Mar 5-6** Raleigh, NC

**Apr 8-9** Missoula, MT

**Mar 7-8** Columbia, SC

**Apr 10-11** Boise, ID

**Mar 9-10** Birmingham, AL

**Apr 12-13** Salt Lake City, UT

**Mar 11-12** Nashville, TN

**Apr 14-15** Portland, OR

**Mar 13-14** Louisville, KY

**Apr 17-18** Anchorage, AK

**Mar 15-16** Indianapolis, IN

**Apr 20-21** Honolulu, HI

**Mar 17-18** Milwaukee, WI

**Mar 5**      Opening of the Little Angels Arts School, Seoul

**Apr 30**      Purchase of Unification Theological Seminary property, Barrytown, NY

**May 7**      Day of Hope Banquet, Imperial Hotel, Tokyo

**May 13**      "Celebration of Life," public Divine Principle lectures in 10 cities in America, three days in each city Begins

**May 15**      True Father observes the public Divine Principle lectures at the Paramount Theater, Oakland, CA.

- May 15**      [The Sun Myung Moon Christian Crusade begins](#)
- Jun 10**      [A-frame church construction begins in Korea](#)
- Jul 22**      [3-day fast and vigil at the U.S. Capitol for the Watergate Crisis](#)
- Sep 13**      [Members of Congress invite True Father to speak on Capitol Hill](#)
- Sep 18**      Day of Hope 8-City Speaking Tour, "The New Future of Christianity"  
Begins
- Sep 18** [New York, NY: Madison Square Garden](#)
- Sep 27** Philadelphia: Academy of Music
- Oct 16** Washington, DC: DAR Constitution Hall
- Oct 30** Atlanta: Civic Center Auditorium
- Nov 12** Chicago: Arie Crown Theater
- Nov 28** Seattle: Seattle Center Opera House
- Dec 9** San Francisco: San Francisco Opera House
- Dec 23** Los Angeles: Shubert Theatre
- Oct 8**      Speech at the Everett M. Dirksen House Office Building on Capitol Hill,  
Washington, DC
- Oct 15**      Day of Hope banquet for 3,500 prominent guests, Hilton Hotel,  
Washington, DC
- Oct 21**      [7-day fast for Japanese wives of North Korean repatriates](#)
- Nov 22**      3<sup>rd</sup> ICUS, Royal Lancaster Hotel, London, England
- Nov 30**      Conference with European church leaders, London, England
- Dec 7**      [San Francisco Bay Area welcomes "The Day of Hope"](#)

## 1975

- Jan 1**      [Sekai Nippo Established](#)
- Jan 14**      [The Global IOWC team departs for Japan](#)
- Jan 16**      Day of Hope Banquet, Chosun Hotel, Seoul
- Feb 8**      [1,800 couple Holy Marriage Blessing](#)
- Feb 12**      Announcement to send missionaries to 95 nations, Tokyo
- Feb 13**      Day of Hope Rally in Japan, Budokan Martial Arts Auditorium, Tokyo
- May 2**      (1.20 LC) Birth of Kwon-jin Moon (son)

- Apr 1**      [Day of Hope rallies begin in Korea](#)
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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Apr 1</b> Busan: Civic Center    | <b>Apr 30</b> Gwangju: Gwangju   |
| <b>Apr 6</b> Daegu: Gyeongbuk       | Arena                            |
| Arena                               | <b>May 6</b> Daejeon: Chungmu    |
| <b>Apr 14</b> Seoul: Jangchung      | Arena                            |
| Arena                               | <b>May 11</b> Cheongju: Chungbuk |
| <b>Apr 19</b> Incheon: Civic Center | Arena                            |
| <b>Apr 25</b> Jeonju: Korea Theater | <b>May 16</b> Chuncheon:         |
|                                     | Gangwon Arena                    |
- May 1**      Ceremony of Total Liberation, Cheongpyeong Training Center
- Jun 7**      [World Rally for Korean Freedom](#)
- Sep 20**      Founding of the Unification Theological Seminary, Barrytown, NY
- Oct 10**      True Parents become the primary benefactors of the New York City Symphony.
- Nov 27**      4<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, NY
- Dec 9**      True Father receives an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Ricker College.
- Dec 18**      True Father speaks to senators and congressmen. Senate Caucus Room, United States Capitol, Washington, DC

## 1976

- Jan 6**      [Internal Revenue Service begins audit of the Unification Church](#)
- Jan 22**      [Unification Church in Paris bombed](#)
- Jan 30**      [Sunhwa Academy founded](#)
- Jan 31**      (1.1 LC) The Unification Ceremony, Cheongpa-dong, Seoul
- Feb 18**      [Senator Robert Dole convenes anti-Unification movement investigation](#)
- May 3**      [Unificationists clean Manhattan and the Bronx](#)
- May 13**      [New Yorker Hotel purchased](#)
- May 13**      Establishment of the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF)
- May 26**      Wall Street rally for the God Bless America Festival, New York, NY

**Jun 1** [Yankee Stadium Rally](#)

**Jun 14** [True Father on cover of \*Newsweek International\*](#)

**Jul 11** (6.15 LC) Birth of Sun-jin Moon (daughter)

**Sep 18** [Washington Monument Rally](#)

**Oct 4** [True Father proclaims the Day of Victory of Heaven](#)

**Oct 10** [True Father initiates \*The News World\*](#)

**Nov 27** 5<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC

**Dec 31** [\*The News World\* begins publication](#)

## 1977

**Feb 21** [74 couples Holy Blessing](#)

**Feb 23** [Year One of the Kingdom of God](#)

**Mar 4** Founding of the Sunhwa Arts High School, Seoul

**May 3** (3.16 LC) Proclamation of the World-Level Liberation of True Parents, Belvedere Training Center, Tarrytown, NY

**May 10** Official Establishment of Unification Theological Seminary, Sutaek-ri

**Apr 10** [Era of the Family Federation begins](#)

**Jun 21** [National Council of Churches issues study document critique of Divine Principle](#)

**Jul 1** Dedication of the new Headquarters Church at Cheongpa-dong 2-ga, Seoul

**Jul 2** Tuna fishing for two months in Gloucester, MA

**Jul 5** Dedication of the World Mission Center at the New Yorker Hotel  
Founding of the motion picture company One Way Productions

**Nov 25** 6<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, CA

**Nov 27** First conference of the Global Congress of the World's Religions, San Francisco, CA

**Dec 4** [Washington, D.C. Church dedicated](#)

## 1978

- Feb 10**     [First Victory over Communism Rally](#)
- Mar 22**     [Bo Hi Pak begins testimony before the Fraser Committee](#)
- Jun 22**     (5.17 LC) Birth of Young-jin Moon (son)
- Jul 5**        First International Ecumenical Conference of the Supra-Denominational Christian Association, Ambassador Hotel, Seoul
- Jul 22**        Virgin Islands Seminar on Unification Theology, sponsored by UTS's New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA)
- Sep 25**        True Father meets with Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuhashi Gojo, owners of boarding house where he lived during studies in Japan.
- Oct 19**        Presentation at "Lift the Korean People's Spirit" breakfast of the Korea District Development Research Center
- Oct 20**        [First World Media Conference](#)
- Oct 29**        Opening of the Beomil Museum at Beomnaetgol, Busan
- Nov 2**        Ceremony to Proclaim the Liberation of the Moon Tribe and the World Tribe, Cheongpyeong Training Center
- Nov 25**        7<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Sheraton Hotel, Boston, MA
- Dec 1**        Acquisition of Kyungbok Elementary School, Seoul
- Dec**        Founding of Isshin Hospital, Tokyo

## 1979

- Sep 4**        [Unification Theological School \(Korea\) first graduation](#)
- Sep 26**        (8.6 LC) Birth of Hyung-jin Moon (son)
- Oct 11**        2<sup>nd</sup> World Media Conference, The Plaza Hotel, New York, NY
- Nov 23**        8<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Century Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles

# 1980's

## 1980

- Feb 21**     [True Father's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday](#)
- Mar 27**     [New Ecumenical Research Association \(New ERA\) inaugurated](#)
- Apr 1**     [Today's World begins publication](#)
- Apr 15**     Proclamation of start of second 21-year course, World Mission Center,  
New York
- Apr 16**     [True Father declares the end of the first 21-year course](#)
- Apr 21**     [Noticias del Mundo established](#)
- May**     Purchase of Morning Garden, Gloucester, MA
- Aug 24**     [True Father hosts World Tuna Tournament, Gloucester, Massachusetts](#)
- Oct 1**     [Founding of Ocean Church](#)
- Oct 2**     3<sup>rd</sup> World Media Conference, St. Regis Sheraton Hotel, New York, NY
- Oct**     Founding of CAUSA
- Oct 22**     [The News World creates dailies in other languages](#)
- Nov 4**     [The News World predicts "Reagan landslide"](#)
- Nov 18**     Supra-Denominational Christian Association banquet, Lotte Hotel,  
Seoul
- Nov 27**     9<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel, Miami Beach, FL
- Dec 15**     [CAUSA International Providence Begins in Bolivia](#)
- Dec 18**     Masaki Sasamoto martyred

## 1981

- Feb 7**     (1.3 LC) Birth of Yeon-jin Moon (daughter)
- Mar 28**     Establishment of the International Christian Professors Association  
(ICPA)
- May 14**     Second Supra-Denominational Christian Association banquet, Lotte  
Hotel, Seoul
- May 16**     Professors World Peace Academy banquet, Lotte Hotel, Seoul
- Jun 20**     True Father speaks to members in France, Belgium and Luxembourg,  
Mauny Training Center, France

<b>Jul</b>	70 Day Ocean Challenge, fishing for bluefin tuna off Gloucester, MA
<b>Jul 16</b>	<a href="#"><u>True Father sentenced to prison in the United States</u></a>
<b>Aug 10</b>	<a href="#"><u>Violence against Unification church centers in Brazil</u></a>
<b>Aug 19</b>	True Father visits Innsbruck, Austria
<b>Aug 21</b>	True Father visits Italy
<b>Sep 18</b>	Inaugural edition of <i>Ultimas Noticias</i> , Montevideo, Uruguay
<b>Oct 1</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> World Media Conference, Vista International Hotel, New York City
<b>Oct 10</b>	<a href="#"><u>CARP confronts massive leftist demonstration in West Germany</u></a>
<b>Oct 15</b>	<a href="#"><u>True Father indicted in America</u></a>
<b>Oct 22</b>	<a href="#"><u>True Father's Foley Square address</u></a>
<b>Nov 1</b>	True Father returns to Korea and holds a press conference at Gimpo Airport regarding his court case.
	Establishment of the Unification Church History Compilation Conunittee
<b>Nov 9</b>	True Parents move into the Shinmunro residence in Chongro-gu, Seoul.
<b>Nov 10</b>	<a href="#"><u>10<sup>th</sup> ICUS, True Father proposes international highway</u></a>
	Announcement of the Korea-Japan Tunnel Project and plans for an International Highway
<b>Nov 14</b>	Establishment of the International Christian Students Association
<b>Dec 26</b>	<a href="#"><u>First God Conference begins</u></a>

## 1982

<b>Feb 22</b>	Spirit World and Physical World Unification Ceremony, East Garden
<b>Feb 22</b>	<a href="#"><u>Unification News begins publication</u></a>
<b>Mar 1</b>	<a href="#"><u>First edition of <i>The Washington Times</i></u></a>
<b>Apr 1</b>	<a href="#"><u>True Father's Trial Begins in New York</u></a>
<b>May 6</b>	<a href="#"><u>New York State Court of Appeals declares Unification Church a bona fide religion</u></a>
<b>May 17</b>	<a href="#"><u><i>The Washington Times</i> begins publication</u></a>
<b>May 18</b>	<a href="#"><u>U.S. jury returns guilty verdict against True Father</u></a>
<b>Jun 14</b>	(4.23 leap month LC) Birth of Jeong-jin Moon (daughter)

**Jun 28**     [True Mother's petition to Judge Gerard Goettel](#)

**Jul 1**     [Holy Blessing of 2,075 Couples](#)

**Jul 16**     True Father sentenced to 18 months in prison and a \$25,000 fine

**Jul**     First Youth Seminar on the Worlds Religions begins, Barrytown

**Oct 4**     5<sup>th</sup> World Media Conference, Lotte Hotel, Seoul

**Oct 14**     [6,000-Couple Holy Marriage Blessing](#)

**Oct 21**     Professors World Peace Academy Banquet, Lotte Hotel, Seoul

**Nov 25**     11<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Franklin Plaza Hotel, Philadelphia, PA

## 1983

**Mar 1**     [First edition of \*The Washington Times\*](#)

**Mar 23**     True Father appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the  
Second Circuit

**Apr 4**     *The News World* renamed *New York City Tribune*  
Establishment of the Seonghwa Educational Foundation

**Apr 25**     Incorporation of the International Religious Foundation (IRF),  
Barrytown, NY

**Aug 29**     True Parents move into the Hannam-dong house in Yongsan-gu, Seoul

**Sep 6**     6<sup>th</sup> World Media Conference, Hilton Hotel, Cartagena, Colombia

**Sep 13**     The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit denies True  
Father's appeal and affirms the original verdict  
40 Christian and legal rights groups and individuals issue statements  
and submit *amicus curiae* (friend of the court)

**Nov 2**     [CAUSA International headquarters dedicated](#)

**Nov 25**     12<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Chicago Marriott Hotel, Chicago, IL

**Dec 18**     First International Conference of the Professors World Peace  
Academy, Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul

**Dec 14-23**   Victory Over Communism Rallies in 8 cities of Korea

<p><b>Dec 14</b> Masan: Masan Arena</p> <p><b>Dec 16</b> Daejeon: Chungmu Arena</p>	<p><b>Dec 21</b> Cheongju: Chungbuk Arena</p> <p><b>Dec 22</b> Jeonju: Jeonbuk</p>
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**Dec 17** Daegu: Daegu Arena

Arena

**Dec 19** Busan: Gudeok Arena

**Dec 23** Gwangju: Gwangju

**Dec 20** Seoul: Jamsil Arena

Arena

**Dec 22** [Heung Jin Moon in car accident](#)

**Dec 31** True Parents conduct the Unification Ceremony, St. Francis Hospital,  
Poughkeepsie, NY

## 1984

**Jan 2** Heung Jin Moon's ascension, St. Francis Hospital, Poughkeepsie, NY

**Jan 3** [The Day of Victory of Love](#)

**Jan 8** World-level ascension ceremony for Heung-jin Moon.

True Father recognizes Heung-jin as "son of loyalty and filial piety" and  
commissions him as "Commander-in-Chief of Heaven"

**May 12** Announcement of the establishment of the Universal Ballet in Seoul

**May 14** [The U.S. Supreme Court declines True Father's appeal](#)

**May 16** Proclamation of the Day of Love for God (Ae Cheon IL), East Garden,  
Irvington, NY

**May 20** [True Parents declare Day of the Love of God and bequeath Ae Chun  
candles](#)

**May 20** Inaugural Conference of the Association for the Unity of Latin America  
(AULA), Paris, France

**May 30** [Rally for Religious Freedom](#)

**Jun 11** The United States District Court postpones imposing True Father's  
sentence until July 20

**Jun 18** True Father Appoints Hyo Jin Moon World CARP President

**Jun 19** [European missionary Peter Koch ascends](#)

**Jun 26** [Senate Committee Hearing on True Father's court case](#)

**Jul 13** [Universal Ballet Company established](#)

**Jul 20** [True Father enters Danbury Federal Correctional Institution](#)

**Jul 21** True Mother begins nightly prayer vigils, East Garden Holy Ground,  
Irvington, NY

**Sep 3** 13<sup>th</sup> ICUS, JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC

**Nov 2** [First global assembly for CARP university students!](#)

**Nov 15** [True Father awarded Honorary Doctorate by the University of La Plata](#)

**Nov 20** 7<sup>th</sup> World Media Conference, New Otani Hotel, Tokyo, Japan

**Dec 31-Jan 4** New Year's Day furlough from Danbury Prison to conduct God's Day and international leaders meetings

## 1985

**Jan 8** Founding of Seil Travel, Inc.

**Feb 1** Proclamation of the Day of Opening the Gate to Heaven, Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, CT

**Feb 16** [True Father Sends "Letter from Danbury" and videotapes to 300,000 U.S. ministers](#)

**Apr 4-9** Easter furlough from Danbury Prison

**Apr 10** [First Interdenominational Conference for Clergy \(ICC\) visit to Korea](#)

**May 11** [True Father receives an honorary Doctorate from Shaw University Divinity School](#)

**Jun 25** [Rally for religious freedom](#)

**Jul 4** [True Father transferred from Danbury to Phoenix House](#)

**Aug 13** [2<sup>nd</sup> Professors World Peace Academy \(PWPA\) conference on the fall of the Soviet Empire](#)

**Aug 16** Proclamation of the Day of Total Victory (*Il Seung Il*), East Garden, Irvington, NY

**Aug 20** [True Father released, welcomed at "God and Freedom" Banquet](#)  
Holy Water Ceremony, Belvedere Training Center, Tarrytown, NY

**Nov 15** [First Assembly of the World's Religions begins](#)

**Nov 29** 14<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Intercontinental Hotel, Houston, TX

**Dec 11** [True Father returns to Korea after Danbury](#)

**Dec 12** Luncheon for True Parents attended by former heads of state and prime ministers

**Dec 16** Rally for Global Security and Victory Over Communism, Jamsil Indoor

Stadium, Seoul

**Dec 18** Inaugural edition of *The World & I* magazine, Washington, DC

**Dec 27** Seonghwa Theological Seminary, Cheonan, is approved by the Korean government as a four-year college with 12 majors

## 1986

**Mar 14-20** Seminars for Professors

**Mar 14** Daejeon: Yuseong

Hotel

Tourist Hotel

**Mar 18** Busan: Westin

**Mar 15** Gwangju: Shinyang

Chosun Beach Hotel

Park Hotel

**Mar 20** Seoul: Hilton Hotel

**Mar 17** Daegu: Geumho

**Apr 12** [36 Unificationist-born couples receive the Holy Marriage Blessing](#)

**May 15** Founding of the Students Federation for the Unification of North and South Korea

**May 26** Establishment of 11 Heung Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Mokpo, Korea

**Sep 1** [CAUSA 10 million signature drive launched](#)

**Sep 18** 8<sup>th</sup> World Media Conference, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington DC  
True Father is awarded the Cross of Merit for Public Culture by the Sociedade Brasileira de Heraldica e Medalhistica, Brazil

**Oct 11** Founding of the Professors and Students Federation for the Unification of North and South Korea, Lotte Hotel, Seoul

**Nov 21** [UTS granted "provisional charter" by the state of New York](#)

**Nov 27** 15<sup>th</sup> ICUS, JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC

## 1987

**May 15** [Citizens Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland inaugurated](#)

**Jun 1** 1<sup>st</sup> Summit Council for World Peace, Lotte Hotel, Seoul

- Jun 3**      Seoul Declaration for World Peace, Lotte Hotel, Seoul
- Jul 11**      [First Korean Professors' World Tour and Seminar](#)
- Aug 8**      [Hyo Jin Moon leads march to Berlin Wall](#)
- Sep 21**      9<sup>th</sup> World Media Conference, Lotte Hotel, Seoul
- Nov 16**      Seminar for heads of non-governmental organizations and prominent  
leaders in society, Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel, Seoul
- Nov 27**      16<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Stouffer Waverly Hotel, Atlanta, GA

## 1988

- Feb 1**      Dedication of the Dowon Building, Seoul
- Jun 8**      Dedication of the Il Hwa factory in Yongin, Gyeonggi Province
- Sep 17**      [Seoul Olympics begin](#)
- Sep 27**      Ceremony and Proclamation of the Unity and Transformation of the  
Providence, Hannam-dong house, Seoul  
  
Announcement of the World Culture and Sports Festival, Sheraton  
Walkerhill Hotel, Seoul
- Oct 3**      [True Parents proclaim Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified  
World](#)  
  
Sisterhood Ceremony between Korean Women and Representatives of  
120 Nations, Il Hwa Yongin Factory, Gyeonggi Province
- Oct 30**      [6,500 Couple's Holy Marriage Blessing Unites Korean and Japanese in  
Marriage](#)
- Nov 8**      [UTS "Soul of Russia" holds prayer walk for religious freedom in the  
Soviet Union](#)
- Nov 25**      17<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Stouffer Concourse Hotel, Los Angeles, CA

## 1989

- Jan 3**      Proclamation of the Realm of Tribal Messiahs, Hannam-dong house,  
Seoul

- Jan 10** *Baedal* Culture Promotion Association presents the first Korean Peoples Spirit Cultural Award to True Father
- Jan 11** [Second Generation 72-Couple Holy Blessing](#)
- Jan 12** [1,275 Couple Holy Blessing](#)
- Feb 1** [Segye Times publishes its first edition](#)
- Mar 18** Founding of the *Il Hwa Cheon-ma* Soccer Team, Seongnam, Gyeonggi Province
- Mar 23** 10<sup>th</sup> World Media Conference, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC, including journalists from the Soviet Union
- Mar 24** [Universal Ballet Academy dedicated](#)
- Apr 7** [Special Holy Blessings at the World Mission Center](#)
- Jun 23** [True Father is installed as chairman of Korean Root-Finding Association](#)
- Aug 20** Proclamation of the Era of Providential Age of the Grace of Love, North Garden, Kodiak, AK
- Aug 31** [Ceremony for the Settlement of the Eight Stages](#)
- Sep 1** Proclamation of Heavenly Parentism, North Garden, Kodiak, AK
- Oct 12** Announcement of the Panda Automotive Industrial City in Huizhou, Guangdong, China, Shilla Hotel, Seoul
- Oct 28** Seonghwa Colleges plan to restructure as a university is approved by the Korean government
- Nov 3** [Mother Soon Ae Hong's Ascension](#)
- Nov 3** [Sung Hwa University established](#)
- Nov 9** [East Germany opens Berlin Wall](#)
- Nov 17** [True Father's interview with Soviet News magazine published](#)
- Nov 22** [Han Sook Kim Lee's ascension](#)

# 1990's

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- Jan 17** [UTS obtains absolute charter](#)

**Jan 25** Leadership Conference to Prepare for the Unification of North and South Korea, Jeju International Training Center, Jeju Island

**Feb 1** [True Father's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration](#)

True Father receives Mexican Order of Law, Culture and Peace from the Mexican Academy of International Law

True Mother receives an honorary Doctor of Letters and Humanities from Bloomfield College

**Feb 2** 2<sup>nd</sup> Summit Council for World Peace, Lotte Hotel, Seoul

8<sup>th</sup> AULA International Conference, Lotte Hotel, Seoul

**Feb 20-25** Speeches in Korea

**Feb 20** Busan and South Gyeongsang: Unification Center, Busan

**Feb 21** Daejeon and Chungcheong: Seonghwa University, Cheonan

**Feb 22** Daegu and North Gyeongsang: Unification Center, Daegu

**Feb 23** Gwangju and Jeolla: Shinyang Park Hotel, Gwangju

**Feb 24** Incheon and Gyeonggi: Il Hwa Factory, Yongin

**Feb 25** Seoul: Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul

**Feb 27** Proclamation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, Hannam-dong house, Seoul

**Mar 18-31** [True Father begins speaking tour of U.S. Korean communities](#)

**Mar 18** San Francisco: Miyako Hotel

**Mar 20** Los Angeles: Wilshire Ebell Theatre

**Mar 23** Chicago: Mather High School

**Mar 25** Washington, DC: Omni Shoreham Hotel

**Mar 31** New York, NY: Manhattan Center

**Mar 27** Proclamation of Liberation for All Women, World Mission Center, New York, NY

**Mar 27** [True Father restores the right of parents, sends out tribal messiahs](#)

**Apr 8-13** 11<sup>th</sup> World Media Conference and 1st Summit Council for World Peace ("The Moscow Rally"), Moscow, USSR

**Apr 8** Performance of the Little Angels at the Children's Theatre, Moscow

**Apr 9** 11<sup>th</sup> World Media Conference and Summit Council, Sobin International Trade Center, Mezhdunarodnaya Hotel, Moscow

**Apr 11** [True Parents meet Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev](#)

**Apr 28** Gathering to congratulate True Parents on their return to Korea after

their triumph at the Moscow Rally

**Apr 30-May 22** Rallies for True Parents on their return to Korea after their triumph at the Moscow Rally

**Apr 30** Chungju: Suanbo

Waikiki Hotel

**May 3** Jeonju: Jeonju Arena

**May 8** Incheon: Incheon

Arena

**May 9** Chuncheon:

Chuncheon Arena

**May 10** Daegu: Gyeongbuk

Arena

**May 11** Busan: Sajik Arena

**May 12** Masan: Multi-

purpose Stadium

**May 14** Seoul: Olympic Main

Stadium

**May 15** Suwon: Suwon Arena

**May 17** Jeju: Grand Hotel

**May 21** Daejeon: Chungmu

Arena

**May 22** Gwangju: Gwangju

Arena

**May 10** Address on the Visit to Moscow, hosted by Segye Times, Lotte Hotel, Seoul

**Jun 26-29** District-level rallies with delegation of Citizens' Federation for the Unification of North and South Korea

**Jun 26** Gwangju, Jeonju, Jeolla, and Jeju: Shinyang Park Hotel,

Gwangju

**Jun 27** Busan and Gyeongsang: Paradise Hotel, Busan

**Jun 28** Daejeon, Cheongju, Chungcheong: Riviera Hotel, Daejeon

**Jun 29** Seoul, Incheon, Gyeonggi, and Gangwon: Little Angels

Performing Arts Center, Seoul

**Jul 6** Calls for a joint Korean-Japanese business delegation to the Soviet Union, Hilton Hotel, Seoul

**Aug 16** 2<sup>nd</sup> Assembly of the World's Religions, Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport Hotel, Burlingame, CA

Inauguration of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace

**Sep 6** Opening of the Universal Ballet Academy (later renamed Kirov Academy of Ballet), Washington, DC

**Sep 7** Opening of the Washington Television Center, Washington, DC

**Oct 21** [Middle East Peace Summit](#)

**Nov 14** Banquet for the Grand Mufti of Syria, Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul

- Nov 17** Proclamation of the Liberated Realm of the Spirit World, Hannam-dong house, Seoul
- Nov 20-30** Rallies to prepare leaders for a potential general election in North and South Korea
- Nov 20** Northern Seoul: Dongdaemun Church
- Nov 25** Nationwide rally: Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul
- Nov 27** Southern Seoul: Segye Times International Training Center, Seoul
- Nov 28** Eastern Seoul: Segye Times International Training Center, Seoul
- Nov 29** Nationwide Volunteers Rally: Segye Times International Training Center, Seoul
- Nov 30** Western Seoul: Segye Times International Training Center, Seoul
- Dec 2** [First 40-day Inter-Religious Leadership Seminar for Muslims](#)
- Dec 15** Dedication of the Kodiak International Training Center, Kodiak, AK
- Dec 17** Banquet for Islamic Leaders from Syria, East Garden, Irvington, NY
- Dec 18** Banquet for Political Leaders from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, East Garden, Irvington, NY
- Dec 27** Seoul community leaders prepare for a North and South Korea general election
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| <b>Dec 27</b> Western district  | <b>Dec 29</b> Eastern district  |
| <b>Dec 28</b> Southern district | <b>Dec 30</b> Northern district |

## 1991

- Jan 23** [21-day seminar for Soviet students starts in Hungary](#)
- Feb 18** Seminars for Soviet Leaders, East Garden, Irvington, NY
- Apr 21** True Parents are awarded the Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva Col1ar from Sociedade Brasileira de Heraldica e Medalhistica
- Apr 24** Meeting with Luis A. Lacalle, President of Uruguay, Victoria Plaza Hotel, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Apr 27** Welcome to the founder of CAUSA on its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Montevideo

National Theatre, Montevideo, Uruguay

**Apr 30**     [Soviet officials visit the United States, hear CAUSA lectures](#)

**Jul 1**        [Declaration of God's Eternal Blessing](#)

**Aug 4**        Dedication of the boat, Ocean Peace, Seattle, WA

**Aug 15**       Dedication of World Scripture, A Comparative Anthology of Sacred  
Texts

**Aug 22**       Reunion of former residents of True Parents' hometown, Segye Times  
International Training Center, Seoul

**Aug 24**       18<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel, Seoul

**Aug 27**       [Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace \(IRFWP\) inaugurated](#)

**Aug 27**       [World Scripture unveiled](#)

**Aug 28**       Inaugural Assembly of the Federation for World Peace, Little Angels  
Performing Arts Center, Seoul

Unity International Foundation of India presents the 1991 Unity Award  
to True Father and the 1991 Unity Medal to True Mother

**Aug 29**       Call for all members to return to their hometowns, Segye Times  
International Training Center, Seoul

**Sep 17**       Inaugural Assembly of the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia,  
Tokyo Bay NK Hall, Chiba, Japan

**Sep 17-24**   True Mother's speaking tour of Japan

**Sep 18** Tokyo: Tokyo Bay NK Hall, Chiba (conference with members)

**Sep 20** Gifu: Memorial Center

**Sep 23** Sapporo: Grand Hotel

**Sep 24** Fukuoka: International Center

**Sep 22** Establishment of holy ground at Mt. Showashin, Hokkaido

**Oct 24-29**   Rallies to unite leadership for the unification of North and South Korea

**Oct 24** Seoul: Little Angels Performing Arts Center

**Oct 26** Chungcheong: Seonghwa University, Cheonan

**Oct 27** Jeolla: Shinyang Park Hotel, Gwangju

**Oct 28** Busan and Gyeongsang: Unification Center, Daegu

**Oct 29** Jeju Island: Royal Hotel

**Oct 25-29**   Healthy Marriages for Ideal Families seminars

**Oct 25** Gangwon: Segye Times International Training Center, Seoul

**Oct 26** Daejeon and Chungnam, Cheongju and Chungbuk

**Oct 27** Gwangju and Jeonnam, Jeonju and Jeonbuk

**Oct 28** Changwon and Gyeongnam, Daegu and Gyeongbuk

**Oct 29** Jeju Island

**Oct 31** Inauguration of Women's Federation for Peace in Asia-Korea, Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul

**Nov 7** Leaders conference, Women's Federation for Peace in Asia-Japan, Hannam-dong house, Seoul

**Nov 20** [True Mother proclaims the "Feminine Logic of Love"](#)

**Nov 28** [True Parents prepare for meeting with Kim Il Sung](#)

**Nov 30** [True Parents visit to North Korea begins](#)

**Dec 5** Paying respect to True Father's parents at their tombs, Jeongju, North Korea

**Dec 6** [True Parents meet Kim Il Sung](#)

**Dec 7** Statement on visit to North Korea, Beijing Airport, Beijing, China

## 1992

**Jan 26** [Carp Holds Mass Workshops in the Former USSR](#)

**Mar 20** [Thousands of High School Students and Teachers in Former Soviet Union Hear Divine Principle](#)

**Mar 26** True Father enters Japan for the first time in 14 years

**Mar 31** Meeting with Yasuhiro Nakasone, former Prime Minister of Japan, New Otani Hotel, Tokyo

Meeting with the Vice Chair of Japan's New Liberal Democratic Party, New Otani Hotel, Tokyo

**Apr 10** [Women's Federation for World Peace inaugurated](#)

[42 Muslim Couples Participate in the Holy Blessing](#)

**Apr 15** Acquisition of University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT

**Apr 18** Proclamation of the Day of Resurrecting Families to be True Families for the Liberation of the World

**May 11** True Mother leads Women's Federation for World Peace assemblies throughout Korea

**May 11** Incheon: Incheon

Arena

**May 12** Chuncheon:

Chuncheon Arena

**May 13** Suwon: Suwon Arena

**May 14** Daegu: Unification

Center

**May 15** Masan: Masan Arena

**May 16** Sacheon: Sacheon

Arena

**May 17** Cheonan: Seonghwa

University

**May 18** Nonsan: Nonsan

Civic Center

**May 19** Pohang: Pohang

Arena

**May 20** Jeonju: Jeonju Arena

**May 21** Cheongju: Cheongju

Arena

**May 22** Gwangju: Gwangju

Arena

**May 23** Jeju: Halla Arena

**May 25** Busan: Gudeok

Arena

**May 26** Mokpo: Mokpo Arena

**May 27** Daejeon: Chungmu

Arena

**May 28** Uijeongbu:

Uijeongbu Public Stadium

**May 29** Suncheon: Suncheon

Arena

**May 30** Namwon: KBS Hall

**Jun 1** Yeongju: Yeongju

Arena

**Jun 2** Jinju: Cultural Arts

Center

**May 21** 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *The Washington Times*, Omni Shoreham Hotel,  
Washington, DC

**May 30** [PWPA provides funding to University of Bridgeport](#)

**Jun 10-30** True Mother expands Womens Federation for World Peace throughout  
Korea, proclaiming that True Father is the Messiah

**Jun 10**

Seongdong-  
gu, Seoul

**Jun 10**

Gwanak-gu,  
Seoul

**Jun 11**

Dongdaemun-  
gu, Seoul

**Jun 11**

Eunpyeong-gu,

**Jun 16** Ulsan

**Jun 17**

Gyeongju

**Jun 17**

Yeongcheon

**Jun 18**

Gimcheon

**Jun 18** Gumi  
and Seonsan

**Jun 19** Yeosu

**Jun 19**

**Jun 24**

Chungju

**Jun 24**

Jecheon

**Jun 25**

Onyang

**Jun 25**

Daecheon

**Jun 26**

Daejeon

**Jun 26** Gongju

Seoul	Gwangju	<b>Jun 27</b> Yeosu
<b>Jun 12</b>	<b>Jun 20</b>	<b>Jun 27</b>
Suseong-gu,	Jangheung	Yangpyeong
Daegu	<b>Jun 20</b> Naju	<b>Jun 28</b>
<b>Jun 12</b> Nam-	<b>Jun 21</b>	Gwangmyeong
gu, Daegu	Jeongeup	<b>Jun 28</b> Icheon
<b>Jun 13</b> Nam-	<b>Jun 21</b> Gimje	<b>Jun 29</b>
gu, Busan	<b>Jun 22</b>	Seongnam
<b>Jun 13</b> Jin-gu,	Gunsan	<b>Jun 29</b> Ansan
Busan	<b>Jun 22</b> Iri	<b>Jun 30</b>
<b>Jun 15</b> Jinhae	<b>Jun 23</b>	Dongducheon
<b>Jun 15</b> Geoje	Yangyang	and Yangju
<b>Jun 16</b>	<b>Jun 23</b>	<b>Jun 30</b> Guri
Gimhae	Gangneung	and Migeum

**Jul 3** Proclamation of the Lord at the Second Advent, Tongil Group Leaders' Seminar

**Jul 6** [True Father publicly declares messiahship](#)

**Jul 6-9** District Assemblies of the Womens Federation for World Peace in Korea

**Jul 6** Daejeon, Cheongju and Chungcheong: Cheongju Arena

**Jul 7** Busan, Daegu, and Gyeongsang: Sajik Arena, Busan

**Jul 8** Gwangju, Jeju and Jeolla: Gwangju Arena

**Jul 9** Seoul, Incheon, Gyeonggi and Gangwon: Jamsil Arena, Seoul

**Aug 19-28** 1<sup>st</sup> World Culture and Sports Festival, Seoul

**Aug 20** 19<sup>th</sup> ICUS, Intercontinental Hotel, Seoul

5<sup>th</sup> World Conference of the PWPA, Intercontinental Hotel, Seoul

**Aug 22** 12<sup>th</sup> World Media Conference, Hilton Hotel, Seoul

5<sup>th</sup> Summit Conference for World Peace, Lotte Hotel, Seoul

**Aug 23** 8<sup>th</sup> World CARP Convention and Hanmadang Sports Festival, Seoul

**Aug 24** 1<sup>st</sup> World Culture and Sports Festival Congratulatory Banquet, Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul

Announcement of the House of Unification for World Peace

**Aug 24** [True Father's declaration of Messiahship](#)

**Aug 25** [30,000 couples International Holy Marriage Blessing](#)

**Aug 26** True Mother addresses the 1<sup>st</sup> World Assembly of the WFWP,  
Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel, Seoul

3<sup>rd</sup> Assembly of the Worlds Religions, Intercontinental Hotel, Seoul

**Sep 24** True Mother's speaking tour launching WFWP in Japan begins

**Sep 24** Tokyo: Tokyo Dome

**Sep 29** Nagoya: Nagoya

**Sep 25** Fukuoka: Fukuoka

Rainbow Hall

Arena

**Sep 30** Kobe: Kobe World

**Sep 26** Hiroshima: Grand

Memorial Center

Hotel

**Oct 2** Sapporo: Royton

**Sep 28** Sendai: Sendai Sun

Sapporo Hotel

Plaza Hall

**Oct 4-6** Address to a Korean-Japanese audience, Tokyo

**Oct 4** Tokyo: Hibiya

Plaza

Auditorium

**Oct 6** Nagoya: Castle Hotel

**Oct 5** Osaka: Nakanoshima

**Oct 20-27** True Mother's speaking tour launching the WFWP in America

**Oct 20** Washington, DC: Omni Shoreham Hotel

**Oct 21** New York, NY: Manhattan Center

**Oct 22** Boston, MA: Park Plaza Hotel

**Oct 23** Chicago, IL: Marriott Hotel Downtown

**Oct 24** Atlanta, GA: Marriott Marquis Hotel

**Oct 25** Houston, TX: Doubletree Hotel

**Oct 26** Los Angeles, CA: Westin Bonaventure Hotel

**Oct 26** Proclamation of the Unification of the Cosmos, Kodiak, AK

**Oct 27** San Francisco, CA: Westin St. Francis Hotel

**Nov 11-18** True Mother's speaking tour launching WFWP in Europe

**Nov 11** Germany: Frankfurt, Arabella Hotel

**Nov 12** Germany: Berlin, Hilton Hotel

**Nov 13** England: London, Livingstone House

**Nov 14** Scotland: Edinburgh, Balmoral Hotel

**Nov 15** France: Compiègne, Hotel Chateau de Bellinglise

**Nov 16** France: Paris, Hilton Hotel

**Nov 17** Italy: Rome, Cavalieri Hilton Hotel

**Nov 18** Italy: Milan, Leonardo Da Vinci Hotel

**Nov 22** True Mother's world speaking tour launching WFWP in Russia, Asia and Oceania

**Nov 22** Russia: Moscow, October Cinema

**Nov 29** Australia: Sydney

**Dec 2** New Zealand: Auckland

**Dec 8** Philippines: Manila

**Dec 22** China: Luncheon banquet with Deung Bak-bang, the head of the China Federation of Disabled, Diaoyutai State Guesthouse, Beijing

**Dec 23** [China: Beijing, Great Hall of the People in Tiananmen Square.](#)

[True Mother's Beijing Rally](#)

**Nov 26** [True Parents first visit to Oceania](#)

## 1993

**Jan 10** [True Father proclaims the Completed Testament Age](#)

**Feb 28** Seminar for Korean-Americans, New Yorker Hotel, New York, NY

**Mar 17** [Unificationists released from Thai prison](#)

**May 13** ["True Parents and the Completed Testament Age" speaking tour begins](#)

**May 13** New York, NY:

Regency Hotel

Manhattan Center

**Jun 25** Manchester, NH:

**May 14** Secaucus/East

Holiday Inn

Rutherford, NJ: Hilton

**Jun 26** Charlotte, NC::

Meadowlands Hotel

Marriott Executive Park Hotel

**May 15** Washington, DC:

**Jun 27** Nashville TN: Regal

Omni Shoreham Hotel

Maxwell House

**May 16** Boston, MA: Berklee

**Jun 28** Bridgeport CT:

Performance Center

University of Bridgeport

**May 17** Chicago, IL: Drake

**Jul 10** Honolulu, HI: Ala

Hotel

Moana Hotel

**May 18** Minneapolis, MN:

**Jul 11** Las Vegas, NV: Sands

Radisson Metrodome

Hotel

**May 19** Atlanta, GA: Hilton

**Jul 12** Billings, MT: Sheraton

Hotel and Towers

**May 20** Houston, TX:

Doubletree Hotel

**May 21** Denver, CO: Westin  
Hotel

**May 22** Los Angeles, CA:

Hyatt Regency Long Beach

**May 23** Seattle, WA:

Sheraton Hotel Downtown

**May 24** Oakland, CA:

Convention Center

**May 26** Albany, NY: Omni

Hotel Albany

**May 27** New Haven, CT: Park

Plaza Hotel

**May 28** Baltimore, MD:

Marriott Hotel

**May 29** Philadelphia, PA:

Adam's Mark Hotel

**May 30** Saint Louis, MO:

Stouffer Concourse Hotel

**May 31** Milwaukee, WI:

Pfister Hotel

**Jun 1** Salt Lake City, UT: Red

Lion Hotel

**Jun 2** San Diego, CA:

Sheraton Hotel

**Jun 3** Albuquerque, NM:

Doubletree Hotel

**Jun 4** New Orleans, LA:

Hilton Hotel

**Jun 5** Mobile, AL: Holiday Inn

**Jun 6** Portland, OR: Sheraton  
Airport Hotel

Hotel

**Jul 13** Cheyenne, WY: Little

America Hotel and Resort

**Jul 14** Sioux Falls, SD: Best  
Western Ramkota Hotel

**Jul 15** Oklahoma City, OK:

Marriott Hotel

**Jul 16** Jacksonville, FL:

Holiday Inn Downtown

**Jul 17** Columbia, SC:

Brookland-Cayce High

School

**Jul 18** Wilmington, DE:

Radisson Hotel

**Jul 18** Providence, RI:

Marriott Hotel

**Jul 20** Boise, ID: Red Lion

Hotel

**Jul 21** Fargo, ND: Holiday Inn

**Jul 22** Omaha, NE: Holiday

Inn Convention Center

**Jul 23** Des Moines, IA:

Marriott Hotel

**Jul 24** Little Rock, AK:

Excelsior Hotel

**Jul 25** Charleston, WV:

Charleston House Holiday

Inn

**Jul 26** Portland, ME: Holiday

Inn

**Jul 27** Indianapolis, IN:

Westin Hotel

**Jul 28** Speech by invitation  
from US lawmakers, Everett

**Jun 20** Anchorage, AK:

Anchorage Performing Arts  
Center

**Jun 21** Phoenix, AZ: The  
Buttes Marriott Resort

**Jun 22** Topeka, KS: Holiday  
Inn West Holidome

**Jun 23** Detroit, MI: Dearborn  
Marriott Hotel

**Jun 24** Miami, FL: Hyatt

M. Dirksen Senate Office

Building, Washington, DC

**Jul 29** Burlington, VT:

Sheraton Hotel

**Jul 30** Louisville, KY: Brown  
Hotel

**Jul 31** Richmond, VA:

Radisson Hotel Downtown

**Jul 31** Columbus, OH:

Convention Center

**Jun 2** Special workshop for Japanese church leaders, North Garden, Kodiak,  
AK

**Jul 10** [True Mother's "Completed Testament Age" speaking tour in the U.S.](#)  
[begins](#)

**Jul 27** [National Parents' Day proclaimed](#)

**Jul 28** [True Mother speaks on Capitol Hill](#)

**Aug 1** Proclamation of *Pal Il Jeol* (8-1 Day) the Day of Returning to the  
Original Homeland, Belvedere Training Center, Tarrytown, NY

**Sep 7** [True Mother speaks at United Nations](#)

**Sep 11-30** True Mothers speaking tour proclaiming "True Parents and the  
Completed Testament Age" in Japan

**Sep 11** Sapporo: Royal Hotel, Iwamizawa: Civic Center

**Sep 12** Sendai: Sun Plaza

**Sep 13** Koriyama: Yuraks Atami, Tokyo: Four Seasons Hotel

**Sep 14** [Commemoration of the 151 Anniversary of WFWP, Tokyo Dome,](#)  
[Tokyo](#)

**Sep 14** Tokyo: Kensei Kinenkan

**Sep 15** Nagano: Civic Center

**Sep 16** Sanjo: Niigata Industry Development Center

**Sep 17** Maebashi: Gunma Prefecture Citizens Hall

**Sep 18** Tokyo: UN University

**Sep 19** Kanazawa: Tourist Center

**Sep 20** Gifu and Aichi: Gifu Grand Hotel, Nagoya: Hakucho Century Hall

**Sep 21** Okayama and Hiroshima: CONVEX Okayama

**Sep 22** Tottori: Matsunoi Palace

**Sep 23** Takamatsu: Community Center, Matsuyama: Carmelia Hall

**Sep 24** Munakata: Munakata Yurix

**Sep 25** Kumamoto: Prefectural Theater

**Sep 26** Tosu: Cultural Center

**Sep 27** Okinawa: Ginowan Convention Center

**Sep 28** Kyoto: Nagaokakyo Memorial Cultural Hall

**Sep 29** Kobe: Kobe Cultural Hall, Osaka (South): Tennoji Miyako Hotel

**Sep 30** Osaka (North): Royal Hotel

**Oct 4**     [True Mother's Forty University Lecture Tour in Korea begins](#)

**Oct 4** Dankook University, Kookmin University

**Oct 5** Seoul National University

**Oct 6** Seonghwa University, Chungnam National University

**Oct 7** Cheongju University, Chungbuk National University

**Oct 8** Dongguk University, Sookmyung University

**Oct 9** Sahmyook University

**Oct 12** Gangwon National University, Hallym University

**Oct 13** Gyeongsang National University

**Oct 14** Changwon National University

**Oct 15** Incheon National University, Inha University 1609

**Oct 16** Yonsei University, Ewha Womens University, Sogang University,  
Korea University

**Oct 18** Wonkwang University

**Oct 19** Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Kwangwoon University

**Oct 20** Pukyong National University, Pusan National University

**Oct 21** Daegu University, Yeungnam University

**Oct 22** Suncheon National University

**Oct 23** Chonnam National University, Chosun University

**Oct 24** Jeju National University

**Oct 25** Hanyang University, Sungshin Womens University

**Oct 26** Woosuk University, Kunsan National University

**Oct 27** Sungkyunkwan University, Kyung Hee University

**Oct 28** Hongik University, Konkuk University

**Oct 29** Kyonggi University, Yong In University

**Oct 30** Chung-Ang University

**Oct 6-Dec 22** Special workshops for 50,000 Japanese woman leaders, Jeju International Training Center, Jeju Island

**Oct 30** True Mother speak to the Association of Religions in Korea on "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age"

**Oct 31** True Mother speaks at the National Assembly on "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age" Seoul

**Nov 2** True Mother's begins Forty-Nation Speaking Tour

**Nov 2** Germany: Frankfurt, Marriott Hotel

**Nov 3** Luxembourg: Intercontinental Hotel

**Nov 4** Belgium: Brussels, Sodehotel La Woluwe

**Nov 5** The Netherlands: The Hague, Kurhaus Hotel

**Nov 6** Ireland: Dublin, Westbury Hotel

**Nov 7** England: London, Royal Lancaster Hotel

**Nov 8** Canada: Ottawa, Ottawa Parliament, Centre Block

**Nov 10** France: Paris, Meridien Hotel

**Nov 11** Norway: Oslo, Grand Hotel

**Nov 12** Sweden: Stockholm, Scandic Crown Hotel

**Nov 13** Switzerland: Geneva, Noga Hilton

**Nov 14** Croatia: Zagreb, Intercontinental Hotel

**Nov 15** Austria: Vienna,

**Nov 25** Spain: Madrid, Princesa Hotel

**Nov 26** Italy: Rome, Cavalieri Hotel

**Nov 27** Czech Republic: Prague, Atrium Hotel

**Nov 28** Turkey: Istanbul, Marmara Hotel

**Nov 30** Israel: Jerusalem, Crowne Plaza Jerusalem

**Dec 1** Egypt: Cairo, Marriott Hotel

**Dec 2** Greece: Athens, Marriott Hotel

**Dec 3** Kenya: Nairobi, International Convention Center,

**Dec 5** Nigeria: Abuja, Transcorp Hilton Abuja

**Dec 7** Paraguay: Asuncion, Guarani Cultural Center

**Dec 9** Brazil: Brasilia, National Congress Building

**Dec 10** Uruguay: Montevideo, Cine Metro Theater

Hilton Hotel

**Nov 17** Bulgaria: Sofia,

Vitosha Park Hotel

**Nov 18** Hungary: Budapest,

Hilton Hotel

**Nov 19** Poland: Warsaw,

Marriott Hotel

**Nov 20** Ukraine: Kiev,

President Hotel

**Nov 21** Russia: Moscow, The

Kremlin Palace

**Nov 22** Belarus: Minsk,

National Opera and Ballet

Theatre

**Nov 24** Portugal: Lisbon,

Sheraton Hotel

**Dec 11** Argentina: Buenos

Aires, Caesar Park Hotel

**Dec 12** Peru: Lima, Sheraton

Hotel

**Dec 13** Colombia: Bogota,

Tequendama Hotel

**Dec 16** New Zealand:

Auckland, Sheraton Hotel

**Dec 17** Australia: Sydney,

Ritz Carlton Hotel

**Dec 19** Malaysia: Kuala

Lumpur, Hotel Istana

**Dec 20** India: New Delhi,

Parliament Building

**Dec 22** Taiwan: Taipei,

Congress Building

**Dec 30** Meeting with missionaries representing 40 nations, Hannam-dong house, Seoul

## 1994

**Jan 12** 1<sup>st</sup> Fishing and Hunting Tournament for World Peace, Jeju Island

**Feb 1** Japanese missionaries sent out to 131 nations

**Mar 8** [True Family One Hundred City U.S. Speaking Tour](#)

**Mar 8** Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

**Mar 10** University of Maryland, College Park, MD

**Mar 11** New York University, New York, NY

**Mar 12** Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

**Mar 13** Chicago State University, Chicago, IL

**Mar 15** Columbia University, New York, NY

**Mar 16** Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

**Mar 17** Howard University, Washington, DC

**Mar 19** University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

**Mar 21** Yale University, New Haven, CT

**Mar 10-13** First of two Japanese Womens Special Workshops, Central Training Center, Sutaek-dong, Guri, Gyeonggi Province

**Mar 11** [International sisterhood ceremonies](#)

**Mar 25** [Aewon \(Garden of Love\) Bank established](#)

**Mar 26** [True Parents' luncheon meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev](#)

**Mar 27** 2<sup>nd</sup> World Peace Conference, Lotte Hotel, Seoul

**May 1** 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of HSA-UWC, Seoul Olympic Gymnastics Arena

[True Father introduces \*Family Pledge\*](#)

**May 3** Founding of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU)

**Jun 26** [Dr. Theodore Shimmyo inaugurated as second Unification Theological Seminary president](#)

**Jul 17** True Parents send Bo Hi Pak to represent them at the state funeral of Kim Il-sung in Pyongyang

**Jul 26** Inaugural Convention of the Youth Federation for World Peace, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC

**Aug 1** Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Ocean Providence, Belvedere Training Center, Tarrytown, NY

**Oct 12** True Mother addresses Korean and Chinese woman leaders, Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul

**Oct 14** [National Parents' Day signed into law](#)

**Nov 19** True Father completes the education of 160,000 Japanese women

**Nov 20** Establishment of sisterhood between 160,000 Korean women and 160,000 Japanese women

**Dec 8** True Parents' first visit to Jardim, Brazil

## **1995**

**Jan 8** Convocation of the Youth Federation for World Peace, Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul

**Jan 11** Special Workshop for Japanese Men, Central Training Center, Sutaek-dong, Guri, Gyeonggi Province

**Jan 12** Ceremony of Korean-Japanese Brotherhood, Suwon Arena, Gyeonggi Province

**Jan 19** [Cheongpyeong Providence begins](#)

**Jan 22** [Japan/USA sisterhood ceremonies](#)

**Mar 31** [South America Declarations](#)

**Apr 3** [New Hope Farm Declaration](#)

**Apr 7** Blessed Families Declaration, New Hope Farm, Jardim, Brazil

**May 1** Declaration of the Beginning of the Second 40-Year Course, New Hope Farm, Jardim, Brazil

**May 16** [True Father begins 17-nation speaking tour in South America](#)

**May 16** Paraguay: meeting with the President in Asuncion

**May 22** Uruguay: meeting with the President in Montevideo

**May 23** Argentina: meeting with the President in Buenos Aires

**Jun 7** Brazil

**Jun 19** Peru

**Jun 20** Bolivia **Jun 21** Ecuador: Meeting with the President in Quito

**Jun 23** Chile

**Jun 25** Colombia

**Jun 27** Panama

**Jun 29** Dominican Republic: meeting with the President

**Jun 30** Haiti

**Jul 3** Guatemala: meeting with the President in Guatemala City

**Jul 4** Nicaragua: meeting with the President in Managua

**Jul 5** Costa Rica

**Jul 6** El Salvador: meeting with the President in San Salvador

**Jul 7** Mexico

**May 22** Establishment of the Sun-Hak Scholarship Foundation

**Aug 20-28** 2<sup>nd</sup> World Culture and Sports Festival, Seoul

**Aug 20** YFWP Convention, Jangchung Arena, Seoul

**Aug 21** 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the IRFWP, Hilton Hotel, Seoul

**Aug 22** 20<sup>th</sup> ICUS and 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference of PWPA, Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel, Seoul

**Aug 22** 13<sup>th</sup> World Media Conference, Shilla Hotel, Seoul

**Aug 23** 3<sup>rd</sup> World Peace Conference, Lotte Hotel, Seoul  
2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of WFWP, Lotte Hotel, Seoul

**Aug 24** Spirit World Marriage Blessing for the families of Chungmonim, Daemonim, and Daehyeongnim

**Aug 25** [360,000 couples International Holy Marriage Blessing](#)

**Aug 27** 2<sup>nd</sup> WCSF Hanmadang Games, Hyochang Stadium, Seoul

**Sep 5** "True Family and I" speaking tour of 16 cities in the United States

<b>Sep 5</b> Philadelphia, PA:	Mann Concert Hall
Philadelphia Marriott	<b>Sep 14</b> Miami, FL:
<b>Sep 6</b> New York, NY:	Fountainebleau Hotel
Manhattan Center	<b>Sep 15</b> Houston, TX: Adams
<b>Sep 8</b> Brunswick, NJ:	Mark Hotel
Brunswick Hilton	<b>Sep 16</b> Long Beach, CA:
<b>Sep 9</b> Boston, MA: Copley	Hyatt Regency
Plaza Hotel	<b>Sep 17</b> Denver, CO: Hyatt
<b>Sep 10</b> Washington, DC:	Regency Tech Center
Omni Sheraton Hotel	<b>Sep 18</b> Seattle, WA:
<b>Sep 11</b> Atlanta, GA: Sheraton	Sheraton Seattle
Gateway Airport Hotel	<b>Sep 19</b> Oakland, CA:
<b>Sep 12</b> Chicago, IL: Marriott	Oakland Convention Center
Hotel Downtown	<b>Sep 20</b> Anchorage, AK:
<b>Sep 13</b> Minneapolis, MN: Ted	Captain Cook Hotel

**Sep 7** [True Father receives honorary doctorates](#)

**Sep 14** ["True Family and I" speaking tour: True Mother in five cities in Japan: tours Japan with President and Mrs. George H.W. Bush](#)

<b>Sep 14</b> Tokyo: Tokyo Dome	<b>Sep 17</b> Osaka: SS Building
<b>Sep 15</b> Sapporo:	<b>Sep 19</b> Fukuoka: Hatacka
Renaissance Hotel	Sea Hawk Hotel
<b>Sep 16</b> Nagoya: Century Hall	

**Sep 18** True Mother hosts former US President George Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush, Hankyu International Hotel, Osaka

**Oct 6-26** True Mother promotes the Pure Love and True Family Movement in Korea

	<b>Oct 6</b> Busan Foreign Language University, Gyeongnam	
	<b>Oct 19</b> Daegu University, Gyeongbuk	
	<b>Oct 26</b> Korea University and Hanyang University, Seoul	
<b>Oct 21</b>	Youth Federation for World Peace rallies	
	<b>Oct 21</b> Jeonju and Jeonbuk: Jeonju Student Gymnasium	
	<b>Oct 22</b> Special Youth Federation for World Peace Seminar	
	<b>Oct 24</b> Busan: Gudeok Gymnasium	
	<b>Oct 25</b> Gyeongnam: Masan Arena	
	<b>Oct 27</b> Daegu and Gyeongbuk: Pohang Arena	
	<b>Oct 28</b> Gwangju, Jeonnam and Jeju: Naju Arena	
	<b>Oct 30</b> Daejeon and Chungcheong: Chungmu Arena	
	<b>Oct 31</b> Seoul: Olympic Fencing Arena	
<b>Nov 5</b>	"True Family and I" world speaking tour of 16 nations in Europe, Africa, Asia, Oceania and Canada	
	<b>Nov 5</b> France: Paris, Sofitel	<b>Nov 22</b> Republic of South
	St Jacques Hotel	Africa: Johannesburg,
	<b>Nov 7</b> Poland: Warsaw,	Carlton-Ritz Hotel
	Marriott Hotel	<b>Nov 25</b> India: New Delhi,
	<b>Nov 8</b> Italy: Rome, Sheraton	Oberoi Hotel
	Hotel	<b>Nov 27</b> Philippines: Manila,
	<b>Nov 9</b> Czech Republic:	Intercontinental Hotel
	Prague, Hilton Atrium Hotel	<b>Nov 29</b> Australia: Canberra,
	<b>Nov 10</b> Hungary: Budapest,	Hyatt Hotel
	Vigado Concert Hall	<b>Dec 1</b> New Zealand:
	<b>Nov 16</b> Burkina Faso:	Auckland, Crowne Plaza
	Ouagadougou	Hotel
	<b>Nov 16</b> Ivory Coast: Abidjan	<b>Dec 4</b> Taiwan: Taipei
	<b>Nov 18</b> Ghana: Accra, Open	International Convention
	Auditorium of the Congress	Center
	<b>Nov 19</b> Republic of Congo:	<b>Dec 7</b> Canada: Toronto, Royal
	Kinshasa, Congress Square	York Hotel

## 1996

- Jan 14** Summit Conference for World Peace, Victoria Plaza Hotel, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Feb 26** Seminar for religious leaders in Central and South America, Victoria Plaza Hotel, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Apr 16** Inauguration of The Washington Times Foundation, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC
- May 24** 2<sup>nd</sup> World Convention of YFWP, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC
- Jun 16** Inaugural Assembly of the Federation of Island Nations for World Peace, Keio Plaza Intercontinental Hotel, Tokyo, Japan
- Jun 28** Inaugural Assembly of the Federation to Save the New Nation, Victoria Plaza Hotel, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Jul 20** True Mother speaks to Korean-Americans in 12 cities in the United States and Canada
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| <b>Jul 20</b> Washington, DC    | <b>Jul 26</b> Seattle, WA     |
| <b>Jul 21</b> Denver, CO        | <b>Jul 27</b> Chicago, IL     |
| <b>Jul 22</b> Atlanta, GA       | <b>Jul 28</b> Toronto, Canada |
| <b>Jul 23</b> Dallas, TX        | <b>Jul 29</b> Boston, MA      |
| <b>Jul 24</b> Los Angeles, CA   | <b>Aug 1</b> Philadelphia, PA |
| <b>Jul 25</b> San Francisco, CA | <b>Aug 3</b> New York, NY     |
- Jul 30** [Family Federation for World Peace established](#)
- Aug 1** [First National Messiah workshop](#)
- Aug 13** [True Parents donate 29 ambulances to towns in Brazil](#)
- Aug 20** Inaugural Assembly of the Federation of Peninsular Nations for World Peace, Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel, Seoul
- Aug 30** Inaugural Assembly of the Federation of Continental Nations for World Peace, Meadowlands Hilton, East Rutherford, NJ
- Sep 10-13** Speaking tour to launch the Family Federation in 185 Nations: True Mother speaks in Japan
- Sep 10** Chiba: Makuhari Messe
- Sep 11** Kobe: International Center, Harborland Plaza
- Sep 12** Nagoya: Aichi Arena
- Sep 13** Sapporo: Der Main International Hotel

**Sep 15-17** Speaking Tour to Launch the Family Federation in 185 Nations:

speeches in Korea

**Sep 15** Seoul: Olympic  
Fencing Arena

**Sep 16** Daegu: Daegu Arena  
**Sep 17** Jeonju: Jeonju Arena

**Sep 20** Speaking Tour to Launch the Family Federation in 185 Nations:  
speeches in South America

**Sep 20** Bolivia: Rapas,  
Radisson Plaza Hotel  
**Sep 21** Chile: Santiago, Hyatt  
Hotel  
**Sep 22** Paraguay: Asuncion,  
Excel Shere Hotel  
**Sep 23** Brazil: Sao Paulo,  
Anhembi Theatre  
**Sep 24** Argentina: Buenos  
Aires, Alve a Palas Hotel  
**Sep 26** Uruguay:  
Montevideo, Victoria Plaza  
Hotel  
**Sep 27** Peru: Lima, Sheraton  
Walkerhill Hotel  
**Sep 28** Ecuador: Quito

**Sep 29** Colombia: Bogota,  
Convention Center  
**Sep 30** Venezuela: Caracas,  
Intercontinental Hotel  
**Oct 1** Dominican Republic:  
Santo Domingo, Teatro  
National Hotel  
**Oct 2** Panama: Panama City,  
Tetro National Performing  
Center  
**Oct 3** Costa Rica: San Jose,  
Costa Rica Hotel  
**Oct 4** Nicaragua: Managua  
**Oct 5** Guatemala: Guatemala  
City, Crowne Plaza Hotel  
**Oct 6** Mexico: Mexico City,  
Maria Isabel Hotel

**Oct 8** Speaking Tour to Launch the Family Federation in 185 Nations: speech  
in Canada, Montreal, Marriott Hotel

**Oct 10-22** Speaking Tour to Launch the Family Federation in 185 Nations:  
speeches in Europe

<b>Oct 10</b> Italy	<b>Oct 17</b>	England
<b>Oct 12</b> Austria	Germany	<b>Oct 20</b> France
<b>Oct 13</b>	<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>Oct 21</b> Spain
Slovakia	Slovenia	<b>Oct 22</b>
<b>Oct 15</b> Russia	<b>Oct 19</b>	Portugal

**Oct 14-29** Speaking Tour to Launch the Family Federation in 185 Nations: True  
Mother speaks in the United States

<b>Oct 14</b>	Heights, NJ	CO
Washington, DC	<b>Oct 19</b>	<b>Oct 25</b> San Francisco, CA
<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>Oct 20</b> Miami, FL	<b>Oct 26</b>
Philadelphia, PA	<b>Oct 21</b>	Minneapolis, MN
<b>Oct 16</b> Boston, MA	Houston, TX	<b>Oct 27</b>
<b>Oct 17</b>	<b>Oct 22</b> Seattle, WA	Bridgeport, CT
Atlanta, GA	<b>Oct 23</b> Los Angeles, CA	<b>Oct 28</b>
<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>Oct 24</b> Denver, York, NY	<b>Oct 29</b> New
Hasbrouck		

**Nov 1** [True Father declares the Elimination of Historical Indemnity](#)

**Nov 7** Seminar for woman leaders of 33 nations in Central and South America

**Nov 23** [Tiempos Del Mundo launched](#)

**Nov 24** [New Victoria Plaza Hotel and tower inaugurated](#)

**Nov 24** Sisterhood ceremony joining women from Central and South America with women from Japan

**Dec 18** Founding of the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace, Victoria Plaza Hotel, Uruguay

## 1997

**Mar 10** [Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Major Sanctuary in Cheongpyeong, Korea](#)

**Mar 13** Rallies for the Practice of True Family Life to Advance World Peace, in Korea

**Mar 13** Changwon:  
Changwon Arena

**Mar 14** Naju: Naju Arena

**Mar 15** Gunsan: Gunsan

**Mar 23** Jin ju: Art Center

**Mar 24** Suwon: Suwon Arena

**Mar 25** Daegu: Daegu Arena

**Mar 26** Daejeon: Multi-

Arena	purpose Arena
<b>Mar 16</b> Chuncheon:	<b>Mar 27</b> Mokpo: Mokpo Arena
Chuncheon Arena	<b>Mar 28</b> Jeonju: Jeonbuk
<b>Mar 17</b> Suncheon: Palma	Student Center
Arena	<b>Mar 29</b> Cheonan: Sunmoon
<b>Mar 18</b> Seoul: Olympic	University
Weightlifting Arena	<b>Mar 30</b> Jeju: Oriental Hotel
<b>Mar 19</b> Pohang: Pohang	<b>Mar 31</b> Incheon: Incheon
Arena	Arena
<b>Mar 20</b> Gwangju: Gwangju	<b>Apr 1</b> Guri: Guri Arena
Arena	<b>Apr 2</b> Seoul: Jangchung
<b>Mar 21</b> Busan: Civic Center	Arena
<b>Mar 22</b> Cheongju: Cheongju	<b>Apr 3</b> Seongnam: Seongnam
Arena	Arena

- Mar 22**     [Dr. Sang Hun Lee ascends](#)
- Mar 23**     [Martial Arts Federation for World Peace founded](#)
- Apr 3**       [Building True Families for World Peace Rally](#)
- Apr 8**       [True Parents proclaim the Era of FFWPU](#)
- Apr 23**     Gathering of Asian literary scholars, Omni Shoreham Hotel,  
Washington, DC
- May 19**     Federation to Save the New Nation Banquet, Victoria Plaza Hotel,  
Montevideo
- May 31**     [First Summit Council for World Peace](#)
- Jun 13**     Gathering of Western literary scholars, Omni Shoreham Hotel,  
Washington, DC
- Jul 22**       [Leaders Rally to Build True Families tour begins](#)
- Jul 22** Seoul Gangnam: Lotte World Hotel
- Jul 23** Busan: Lotte Hotel
- Jul 24** Gyeongnam: Changwon Hotel
- Jul 25** Gwangju: Shinyang Park Hotel
- Jul 26** Daejeon: Yuseong Tourist Hotel
- Jul 27** Chungbuk: Cheongju Reeho Tourist Hotel
- Jul 28** Daegu: Prince Hotel

**Jul 29** Jeonnam: Gwangju Shinyang Park Hotel

**Jul 30** Jeonbuk: Jeonju Riviera Hotel

**Jul 31** Incheon: Olympus Hotel

**Aug 1** Gangwon: Chuncheon Bears Town Hotel

**Aug 2** Chungnam: Onyang Tourist Hotel

**Aug 3** Northern Gyeonggi: Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel, Seoul

**Aug 4** Gyeongbuk: Gyeongju Education Cultural Center

**Aug 5** Southern Gyeonggi: Shilla Hotel, Seoul

**Aug 6** Seoul Gangbuk: Lotte Hotel, Seoul

**Aug 7** Womens leadership conferences for the Practice of True Family Life to Advance World Peace

**Aug 7** Daejeon: Riviera Hotel

**Aug 8** Seoul: Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel

**Aug 9** Proclamation of *Chil Pal jeol* (7-8 Day), the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath of the Parents of Heaven and Earth

**Sep 1** [The Hoon Dok Hwe \(scripture reading\) tradition begins](#)

**Sep 11** Proclamation of the Realm of the Fourth Adam, East Garden, Irvington, NY

**Sep 20** True Parents explore the Amazon River for 7 days

**Oct 13** Establishment of hoondokhae, Victoria Plaza Hotel, Montevideo, Uruguay

**Oct 20** [True Father begins journey on Amazon River](#)

**Nov 23-30** [3<sup>rd</sup> World Culture and Sports Festival held in Washington, DC](#)

**Nov 25** 21<sup>st</sup> ICUS and 7th World Convention of PWPA, Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC

**Nov 26** 1997 IRFWP Congress, Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC  
14<sup>th</sup> World Media Conference and Conference of the Writers Federation for World Peace, JW Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC

**Nov 27** 4<sup>th</sup> World Peace Conference, Capitol Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC  
World Assembly of the WFWP, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC

**Nov 28** 3<sup>rd</sup> World Convention of the YFWP, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington, DC

**Nov 29** [3.6 Million Couples Marriage Blessing](#)

**Nov 29** Sealing of the 40 Million Couples International Marriage Blessing, RFK

Stadium, Washington, DC

**Nov 30** Hanmadang Sports Festival, Walter E. Washington Convention Center,  
Washington, DC

**Dec 1** Proclamation of Opening the Gate to the Marriage Blessing in the  
Spirit World, East Garden, Irvington, NY

## 1998

**Jan 7** Founding of Pyeonghwa (Peace) Motors in Pyongyang

**Jan 23** *Hoondok* rallies in 'Korea for the study of True Parents' words and to  
celebrate the victory of the 40 Million Couples Blessing

**Jan 23** Seoul: Olympic

Weightlifting Arena

**Jan 24** Gwangju: Kudong

Arena

**Feb 4** Busan: Gudeok Arena

**Feb 5** Yeongju: Yeongju

Arena

**Feb 6** Cheonan: Chungnam

Student Center

**Feb 7** Changwon: Changwon

Arena

**Feb 8** Seongnam: Seongnam

Arena

**Feb 9** Daejeon: Civic Center

**Feb 10** Daegu: Daegu Arena

**Feb 11** Chuncheon:

Baeckryung Art Center

**Feb 12** Bucheon: Bucheon

Arena

**Feb 13** Jeonju: Jeonju Arena

**Feb 14** Chungju: Chungju

Arena

**Feb 15** North Gyeonggi: Guri

Arena

**Feb 16** Gwangju: Gudong

Arena

**Feb 17** Jeju Island: KAL

Hotel

**Feb 18** Seoul: Olympic

Gymnastics Arena

**Feb 2** New Proclamation of the Completed Testament Age, Hannam-dong  
house, Seoul

Ceremony to Bequeath the Completed Testament Word, at True  
Parents' Birthday

**Feb 23** True Parents present anthologies of their speeches to political and  
business leaders in Korea

**Feb 23** *Hoondok* rallies in Japan for the study of True Parents' words and to

promote the practice of true family life

**Feb 23** Kanagawa: Hatano

Cultural Center

**Feb 24** Hokkaido: Tel me

International

**Feb 25** Dohoku: Taisetsu

Hotel

**Feb 26** Kanto: Port Arena

Hotel

**Feb 27** Chubu: Aichi Arena

**Feb 28** Kansai: Kobe World

Memorial Hall

**Mar 1** Hokuriku: JAL Hotel

**Mar 2** Shigoku: Masnoi

Palace

**Mar 3** Chugoku: Postal

Saving Hall

**Mar 4** Northern Kyushu: Sea

Hawk Hotel

**Mar 5** Southern Kyushu: New

Otani Kumamoto Hotel

**Mar 6** Tokyo: Otaku Arena

**Mar 10** Leadership conference to promote hoondokhae for the coming global era, Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul

**Apr 1** [True Mother begins 16-city North American Hoon Dok Hwe speaking tour](#)

**Apr 1** Washington, DC: Hyatt

Regency Hotel

**Apr 2** Bridgeport, CT:

Bridgeport University

**Apr 3** Boston, MA: John

Hancock Hall

**Apr 4** Saint Louis, MO:

Radisson Airport Hotel

**Apr 5** Atlanta, GA: Beverly

Hills Inn

**Apr 6** Richmond, VA: The

Fourth Baptist Church

**Apr 7** Dallas, TX: Harvey

Hotel

**Apr 8** Louisville, KY: King

Solomon Baptist Church

**Apr 9** New York, NY:

Manhattan Center

**Apr 10** Chicago, IL: Marriott

Hotel

**Apr 11** Seattle, WA: Westin

Hotel

**Apr 12** Los Angeles, CA:

Westin Hotel

**Apr 13** Denver, CO:

Doubletree Hotel

**Apr 12** Oakland, CA: Marriott

Hotel

**Apr 15** Minneapolis, MN:

Radisson Hotel

**Apr 16** Toronto, Canada:

Korean Center

**Apr 17** Proclamation Opening the Gate to the Authority of the Elder Son, Authority of the Parents and Authority of the King

**May 2** Proclamation of Unity between the Christian Cultural Sphere and the Unification Church Cultural Sphere

**May 15** Proclamation of the Liberation of Hell and the Opening of the Gate to the Kingdom of Heaven

**May 26** Proclamation of the Day of the Liberation of All Things by Returning them to their Original Owner

**Jun 11** Convocation on the Family and World Peace (WCSF 1998), Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York

**Jun 13** [360 million couples Marriage Blessing Ceremony](#)

**Jun 23** First Special 40 Day Workshop for National Messiahs, Pantanal, Forte Olimpo, Paraguay

**Jul 1** [Dedication Ceremony of Jardim, Brazil Education Center for Ideal Families and World Peace](#)

**Jul 22** First Special 40 Day Workshop for World Peace and Ideal Families, Center for the Education of Ideal Families for World Peace

**Aug 7** 2<sup>nd</sup> Jardim Declaration- "God's ideal is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal"

**Aug 21** 3<sup>rd</sup> Jardim Declaration- "Declaration of the first, second and third creators"

**Aug 28** 4<sup>th</sup> Jardim Declaration- "Dissolve God's bitter sorrow caused by not fulfilling our destined parent-child relationship with Him"

**Sep 8** [Sa Sa Jeol \(4.4 Day\) declaration](#)

**Oct 5** [True Father proclaims total liberation and unification between the physical and spiritual worlds](#)

**Nov 6** Proclamation of the Completion of Restoration, Center for the Education of Ideal Families for World Peace, Jardim, Brazil

**Dec 18** ["Realizing the Interfaith Ideal: Action Beyond Dialogue" conference begins](#)

## **1999**

**Jan 8** 7<sup>th</sup> Jardim Declaration- "Cosmic-level *Sa Sa Jeol* ( 4-4 Day)

Proclamation of Complete Liberation for Cosmic Expansion of the

## Marriage Blessing and the Rooting Out of Satan's Lineage"

**Jan 17**      [Global expansion of True Families speaking tour: 8 cities in Korea](#)

**Jan 17** Northern Seoul: Olympic Weightlifting Arena

**Jan 18** Gwangju, Jeonju, Jeolla and Jeju: Yeomju Arena

**Jan 19** Daejeon, Cheongju and Chungcheong: Chungju Arena

**Jan 20** Southern Gyeonggi and Gangwon: Suwon Arena

**Jan 21** Busan and Gyeongnam: Gudeok Arena

**Jan 23** Daegu and Gyeongbuk: Daegu Arena

**Jan 24** Incheon and Northern Gyeonggi: Bucheon Arena

**Jan 25** Southern Seoul: Olympic Weightlifting Arena

**Feb 1**      *The Segye Times* 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet, attended by Korean President Kim Dae-jung, Lotte Hotel, Seoul

**Feb 6**      Inaugural Assembly of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP), Lotte Hotel, Seoul

**Feb 7**      [Holy Blessing of 360 Million Couples](#)

**Feb 11**      Worldwide Speaking Tour for the Global Expansion of True Families: True Mother speaks in 16 cities in Japan

**Feb 11** Kobe: Harborland Arena

Plaza International Hall

**Feb 25** Sapporo:

**Feb 12** Takamatsu: Matsunoi

Renaissance Hotel

Palace Hotel

**Feb 26** Sendai: Shiraishi

**Feb 13** Nagoya: Aichi

Cultural Activity Center

Prefecture Arena

**Feb 27** Fukui: Phoenix Plaza

**Feb 14** Ikeda, Osaka:

**Feb 28** Niigata: Niigata

Satsukiyama Gymnasium

Gymnasium

**Feb 15** Hiroshima: Postal

**Mar 1** Nagano: International

Savings Hall

21 Hotel

**Feb 16** Fukuoka: Sun Palace

**Mar 2** Chiba: Chiba Port

Hotel

Arena

**Feb 17** Kumamoto:

**Mar 3** Kanagawa: Totara City

Kumamoto Prefecture

Cultural Center

Theater

**Mar 4** West Tokyo: Todoroki

**Feb 18** East Tokyo: Todoroki

Arena

**Mar 19**      Worldwide Speaking Tour for the Global Expansion of True Families:

## True Mother speaks in 24 cities in the United States

<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Mar 27</b>	Diego, CA
Washington,	Chicago, IL	<b>Apr 5</b> Dallas,
DC	<b>Mar 28</b>	TX
<b>Mar 20</b>	Atlanta, GA	<b>Apr 6</b>
Louisville, KY	<b>Mar 29</b>	Poughkeepsie,
<b>Mar 21</b> New	Oakland, CA	NY
York, NY	<b>Mar 30</b>	<b>Apr 7</b>
<b>Mar 22</b>	Seattle, WA	Bridgeport, CT
Norfolk, VA	<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>Apr 8</b>
<b>Mar 23</b> Miami,	Minneapolis,	Baltimore, MD
FL	MN	<b>Apr 9</b> Detroit,
<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>Apr 1</b> Denver,	MI
Columbus, OH	CO	<b>Apr 10</b> Boston,
<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Apr 2</b> Los	MA
Providence, RI	Angeles, CA	<b>Apr 11</b>
<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Apr 3</b> Portland,	Secaucus, NJ
Philadelphia,	OR	
PA	<b>Apr 4</b> San	

**Mar 21**     [Satan surrenders to True Parents](#)

**Apr 11**     Proclamation of the Fulfillment of the Completed Testament Age for  
Beginning God's Kingdom in Heaven and on Earth

**Apr 12**     Worldwide Speaking Tour for the Global Expansion of True Families  
begins: True Mother speaks at 32 cities around the world

**Apr 12** Canada: Toronto, Ontario Science Center

**Apr 15** Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur, Putra World Trade Centre, Plenary Hall  
(Dewan Merdeka)

**Apr 22** Taiwan: Taipei, International Convention Center; True Father  
receives honorary Doctor of Literature from Chinese Culture University

**Apr 24** Australia: Sydney, Hilton Hotel

**Apr 26** Philippines: Manila, Manila Hotel

**Apr 28** Kenya: Nairobi, Kenyatta International Conference Center  
Amphitheater

**Apr 29** Zimbabwe: Harare, Sheraton International Center

**Apr 30** Uganda: Kampala

**May 2** Benin: Cotonou, Sheraton Hotel

**May 4** Brazil: Sao Paulo, Pinheiros Hotel, Es Forte Club; While in Sao Paulo, True Mother receives an honorary degree from Instituto Universico de Pesquisa e Educacao, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil

**May 5** Uruguay: Montevideo, Victoria Plaza Hotel

**May 6** Argentina: Buenos Aires, Intercontinental Hotel

**May 7** Paraguay: Asuncion, Guarani Theatre

**May 8** Chile: Santiago, Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel

**May 9** Ecuador: Quito, Swissotel

**May 10** Colombia: Bogota, Tequendama Hotel

**May 11** Costa Rica: San Jose, Radisson Conference Center

**May 12** Nicaragua: Managua, Camino Real Hotel and Convention Center

**May 13** Mexico: Mexico City, Fiesta Americana Hotel

**May 14** Dominican Republic: Santo Domingo

**May 16** England: London May 17 The Netherlands: The Hague

**May 18** Slovenia: Ljubljana

**May 19** Switzerland: Geneva, President Wilson Hotel

**May 20** Slovakia: Bratislava

**May 21** Finland: Helsinki, Scandic Grand Marina Hotel

**May 22** Russia: Moscow, Natalya Sats Children's Musical Theatre

**May 23** Moldova: Kishinev, Palace of the Republic of Moldova

**May 25** Kazakhstan: Almaty; True Mother receives an honorary doctorate from Kazakh State Womens Pedagogical Institute

**May 26** Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek, Peoples (Ala-too) Square

**May 27** Mongolia: Ulan Bator, Peoples Square

**May 29** [China: Beijing, Great Hall of the People, Tiananmen Square](#)

**May 14** Proclamation of the Liberation of the Cosmos, Americana Hotel, Pantanal, Brazil

**May 30** Celebration of True Parents' East-West (Global) Victory, Belvedere Training Center, Tarrytown, NY

**Jun 14** [True Father presents special award to True Mother](#)

**Jul 27** [Original Holy Ground consecration ceremony in Brazil](#)

- Aug 17** Proclamation of the Day of Jehovah's Omnipresence and Omnipotence, North Garden, Kodiak, AK
- Sep 9** [Gu Gu Jeol \(9.9 Day\) Liberation Ceremony of Cosmic Unification established](#)
- Sep 10** [Proclamation of Sam Ship Jeol \(3.10 Day\)](#)
- Sep 14** [True Father directs blessed families to pray in their own names](#)
- Oct 10** [Double-Ten Day \(Ssang-ship Jeol\) proclaimed](#)
- Oct 23** [Declaration of the Day of Liberation of the Blessing for the Entire Cosmos](#)
- Nov 7** [Cheonseong Wanglim \(Main Hall\) dedicated](#)
- Nov 12** World-level Ascension Ceremony for Young-jin Moon, Paju Wonjeon, Gyeonggi Province
- Dec 15** Proclamation of the Beginning of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, Punta del Este, Uruguay
- Founding of the Centro Esportivo Nova Esperan~ ( CENE) Soccer Team, Jardim, Brazil
- Dec 26** Proclamation of the Completion of True Parents' Providential Responsibility, Belvedere Training Center, Tarrytown, NY

## 2000's

### 2000

- Jan 17** Seminar for woman leaders in Uruguay, Victoria Plaza Hotel, Montevideo
- Jan 22** [America honors True Father on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday](#)
- Feb 2** [True Father receives Lifetime Achievement Award](#)
- Feb 10-14** 4<sup>th</sup> World Culture and Sports Festival
- Feb 10** Celebration of Reverend Sun Myung Moon's 80th Birthday, Seoul Olympic Gymnastics Arena
- Opening Assembly of the 4<sup>th</sup> World Culture and Sports Festival, Lotte Hotel, Seoul

Presidential Sash and the Coat of Arms of Brazil are conferred on True Father by Congressman Nelson Marquezelli of Brazil

The State Pedagogical University of Kyrgyzstan confers on True Father the title of Honorary Professor

Upper Volga Institute, Russia, confers on True Father the title of Honorary Professor

True Father receives an honorary doctorate from Instituto Universico de Pesquisa e Educacao, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil

True Mother receives the honorary doctorate from Federico Enrique Carvajal University, Dominican Republic

**Feb 11**      [Ceremony Commemorating Publication of \*The Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon\*](#)

**Feb 13**      [First International Blessing of 400 million couples](#)

Announcement of the Family Party for Universal Peace and Unity, at the 4<sup>th</sup> WCSF Congratulatory Banquet

8<sup>th</sup> Jardim Dedaration: Inauguration of the Federation of the True Parent of the Cosmos

**Feb 14**      4<sup>th</sup> World Hanmadang Sports Festival, Seoul Olympic Gymnastics Arena

**Feb 21**      Rallies for the Unification of North and South Korea and to Celebrate Reverend Sun Myung Moon's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Feb 21** Yeosu: Jeonnam

Arena

Arena

**Mar 4** Changwon: Changwon

**Feb 22** Suwon: Suwon Arena

Arena

**Feb 23** Jeonju: Jeonju Arena

**Mar 5** Cheongju: Cheongju

**Feb 24** Gongju: Baekje Arena

Arena

**Feb 25** Seoul Gangnam:

**Mar 6** Seoul Gangbuk:

Olympic Weightlifting Arena

Olympic Fencing Arena

**Feb 26** Guri: Guri Arena

**Mar 7** Daejeon: Hanbat

**Feb 28** Busan: Gudeok Arena

Arena

**Feb 29** Gwangju: Gudong

**Mar 8** Mokpo: Mokpo Arena

Arena

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**Mar 1** Yeongcheon:

**Mar 9** Daegu: Daegu Arena

Yeongcheon Arena

**Mar 10** Bucheon: Bucheon

**Mar 2** Chuncheon:

Arena

Chuncheon Arena

**Mar 11** Jeju Island: Halla

**Mar 3** Incheon: Incheon

Arena

**Mar 12** [North Korea–South Korea Unification Rally](#)

**Feb 25** Leadership Conference for the Unification of North and South Korea,  
Hilton Hotel, Seoul

**Mar 7-10** Rallies for the Unification of East and West, North and South, in Japan

**Mar 7** Fukuoka: General  
Exhibition Center

**Mar 9** Nagoya: Aichi Arena

**Mar 10** Tokyo: Akishima

**Mar 8** Hiroshima: Hiroshima  
Arena

Exhibition Center

**Mar 17** Religious Leaders' Forum for the Unification of North and South Korea  
and for Reverend Moon's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

**Apr 4** True Parents acquire the Sorocaba Soccer Team, Brazil

**Apr 8-19** True Mother's 12-City Speaking Tour of the United States

**Apr 8** Washington, DC:

**Apr 14** San Francisco, CA

Renaissance Hotel

**Apr 15** Los Angeles, CA:

**Apr 9** Boston, MA: Park Plaza  
Hotel

Westin Hotel

**Apr 10** Newark, NJ: Robert

Plaza Hotel

Treat Hotel

**Apr 17** Atlanta, GA: Crowne

**Apr 11** Chicago, IL: Civic

Plaza Ravinia Hotel

Opera House

**Apr 18** Miami, FL: Doubletree

**Apr 12** Minneapolis, MN:

Hotel

Marriott Hotel

**Apr 19** [New York, NY: Lincoln](#)

**Apr 13** Seattle, WA: Civic

[Center](#)

Convention Center

**Apr 21** Proclamation of the Beginning of True Parents' Second 40-year Course  
and the Settlement of the Realm of the Fourth Adam

**May 8-31** True Mothers World Speaking Tour in South America and Europe

**May 8** Paraguay: Asuncion, Excel Simor Hotel

**May 9** Paraguay: Ciudad del Este, Palacio de Los Congressos

**May 10** Uruguay: Montevideo, Victoria Plaza Hotel

**May 11** Uruguay: Punta del Este, Conrad Hotel

**May 12** Argentina: Buenos Aires, Hilton Hotel

**May 13** Argentina: Cordoba, Plaza International Hotel

**May 14** Argentina: Santa Fe, El Conquistador Hotel

**May 15** Argentina: Corrientes, El Gran Guarani Hotel

**May 16** Brazil: Campo Grande, Cultural Center

**May 17** Brazil: Brasilia, Bonaparte Hotel; True Mother is awarded the Medal of Brazil from that country's Ministry of Education

**May 18** Brazil: Sao Paulo, US Chamber of Commerce

**May 19** Brazil: Rio de Janeiro, Teatro do Sesi

**May 20** England: London, Marriott Hotel

**May 21** Scotland: Edinburgh, Balmoral Hotel

**May 22** England: Birmingham, Centennial Center

**May 23** The Netherlands: The Hague, Kurhaus Hotel

**May 24** Denmark: Copenhagen, Radisson SAS

**May 24** Switzerland: Interlaken, Casino Kursaal

**May 26** Albania: Tirana, Congress Hall

**May 27** Romania: Bucharest, Ceausescu Palace

**May 28** Russia: Moscow, Radisson Slavian Scaya Hotel

**May 29** Russia: Saint Petersburg, Grand Europe Hotel

**May 30** Moldova: Kishinev ( Chi~inau), National Palace

**May 31** Canada: Toronto, Westin Prince Hotel

**May 22**     [American Clergy Leadership Conference inaugurated](#)

**Jun 17**     Proclamation of the Return of the Oceans to God, North Garden,  
Kodiak, AK

**Jun 23**     [True Mother awarded Grand Prix Peace Prize of UN IAEWP](#)

**Jun 24**     Proclamation of the Return of the Land to God, Hannam-dong house,  
Seoul

**Jun 29**     Proclamation of the Return of Heaven and Earth to God, Hannam-  
dong house, Seoul

**Jul 1**       Proclamation of the Return of the Fourth Adam's Realm of Heart to  
God, Hannam-dong house, Seoul

**Jul 30**     1<sup>st</sup> Blessed Wives' Special Workshop for Registration into the  
Kingdom of Heaven, Cheongpyeong Training Center

**Aug 18**     [True Father proposes interreligious council at the United Nations](#)

Assembly 2000 of the IIFWP during which True Father proposes to  
create a Peace Park at the DMZ

True Parents receive the Peace Award of the World Association of  
NonGovernmental Organizations (WANGO)

**Sep 12** The Total Liberation Chuseok, East Garden, Irvington, NY

**Sep 24** [Transition of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing  
Ceremony](#)

**Oct 14** Ceremony for the Unification and Liberation of the Spirit World,  
Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center

**Oct 15** [True Parents visit Marshall Islands at President's invitation](#)

**Oct 16** [Million Family March](#)

**Oct 27** Proclamation of the Era of the Family Kingship of the Parents of  
Heaven and Earth, Hannam-dong house, Seoul

**Nov 6** 40 Day Special Seminar for Island Nations of the Pacific Rim, Kona,  
Hawaii

**Nov 30** Proclamation of the Victory of the Providence in South America and  
the Beginning of the Pacific Rim Era, Pantanal, Brazil

**Dec 1** Announcement of the upcoming Enthronement Ceremony for God's  
Kingship, Americano Hotel, Pantantal, Brazil

**Dec 3** Proclamation of Abolition of Paradise and Hell and that All Can  
Register in the Kingdom of Heaven, Punta del Este, Uruguay

**Dec 16** Inauguration of the United States' chapter of IIFWP, Marriott Hotel,  
Chicago

## **2001**

**Jan 13** [Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God](#)

**Jan 15** 2001 World Media Conference, Keio Plaza InterContinental Hotel,  
Tokyo

**Jan 19** American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) confers on True  
Parents the New Millennium Award for Unity and Renewal

**Jan 27** 2001 World Culture and Sports Festival International Conference,  
United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY

## World Peace Marriage Blessing held at the United Nations

**Feb 25**

### "We Will Stand in Oneness" Speaking Tour Begins

<b>Feb 25</b> Bronx, NY	Lake City, UT <b>Mar 11</b>	Baltimore, MD <b>Mar 31</b>
<b>Feb 26</b> Newark, NJ	Portland, O R <b>Mar 12</b>	Billings, MT <b>Apr 1</b>
<b>Feb 27</b> Bridgeport, CT	Oakland, CA <b>Mar 13</b>	Memphis, TN <b>Apr 3</b>
<b>Feb 28</b> Chicago, IL	Phoenix, AZ <b>Mar 14</b> Denver,	Louisville, KY <b>Apr 4</b>
<b>Mar 1</b> Boston, MA	CO <b>Mar 15</b> Los	Milwaukee, WI <b>Apr 6</b> Omaha,
<b>Mar 2</b> Philadelphia, PA	Angeles, CA <b>Mar 16</b> Little	NE <b>Apr 7</b> Nashua,
<b>Mar 3</b> Miami, FL	Rock, AR <b>Mar 17</b>	NH <b>Apr 9</b>
<b>Mar 4</b> Atlanta, GA	Jackson, MS <b>Mar 18</b>	Indianapolis, IN
<b>Mar 5</b> Columbus, OH	Providence, RI <b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Apr 10</b> Fargo, ND
<b>Mar 6</b> Houston, TX	Norfolk, VA <b>Mar 21</b> Detroit,	<b>Apr 13</b> Honolulu, HI
<b>Mar 7</b> Albuquerque, NM	MI <b>Mar 22</b> Des	<b>Apr 15</b> Sioux Falls, SD
<b>Mar 8</b> <u>Minneapolis,</u> <u>MN</u>	Moines, IA <b>Mar 24</b> Mobile,	<b>Apr 16</b> Washington, DC
<b>Mar 9</b> Seattle, WA	AL <b>Mar 26</b> New	<b>Apr 17</b> Shepherdstown
<b>Mar 10</b> Salt	Orleans, LA <b>Mar 28</b> St.	WV, Burlington, VT
	Louis, MO <b>Mar 29</b>	

**May 8**

Harlem, New York welcomes True Parents

**May 15**

True Father speaks at the Rayburn House Office Building, US Capitol,

Washington, DC

**May 25** International Symposium of IIFWP, Hilton Hotel, New York, NY

**May 27** [Clergy Interfaith Marriage Blessing Ceremony](#)

**Jun 11** [Unification Theological Seminary \(UTS\) chapel cross struck by lightning](#)

**Jun 21** [UTS awards honorary doctorates to True Parents](#)

**Jul 3** Assemblies in Korea for the Settlement of God's Fatherland

**Jul 3** Seoul: True Father speaks at the Lotte Hotel

Busan: True Mother speaks at the Lotte Hotel

**Jul 4** Daegu: True Father speaks at the Inter-Burgo Hotel,  
Gangbuk district of Seoul: True Mother speaks at the Lotte  
Hotel

**Jul 5** Gyeonggi and Gangwon Provinces: True Father speaks at the  
Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel, Seoul

Gwangju: True Mother speaks at the Shinyang Park Hotel

**Jul 6** Gangbuk district of Seoul: True Father speaks at the Lotte  
World Hotel

Incheon: True Mother speaks at the Lotte Hotel, Seoul

**Jul 13** [True Father invited to speak at Korea's National Assembly](#)

**Aug 18** [Workshop on Unification Thought and the Theory of Victory over  
Communism for worldwide leadership begins](#)

**Sep 11** [9/11 attack on America](#)

**Sep 22** [Interfaith day of prayer and healing for victims of 9/11](#)

**Oct 8** Proclamation of Total Dissolution of Barriers and Proclamation of  
Return of Blessed Families from Spirit World to Earth

**Oct 17** 1<sup>st</sup> Sportfishing World Champion's Cup Tournament, Nagasaki, Japan

**Oct 19** Founding of the World Sportfishing Federation

**Oct 19** [Post-9/11 conference on "Global Violence: Conflict and Hope"](#)

**Oct 20** 2001 Assembly of IIFWP, Hilton Hotel, New York, NY

**Oct 29** Speaking Tour in Korea for the Cosmic Nation of Peace and Unity

(Cheon Il Guk) Begins

**Oct 29** Daejeon, Cheongju and Chungcheong: Yuseong, Hotel  
Riviera

**Oct 30** Seoul: Seoul, Shilla Hotel

**Oct 31** Gwangju, Jeonju and Jeolla: Gwangju, Shinyang Park Hotel

**Nov 1** Busan and Gyeongnam: Busan, Lotte Hotel

**Nov 2** Southern Gyeonggi: Seoul, Lotte Hotel

**Nov 4** Daegu and Gyeongbuk: Daegu, Inter-Burgo Hotel

**Nov 5** Incheon and Gyeonggi: Seoul. Lotte Hotel

**Nov 6** Northern Gyeonggi and Gangwon: Seoul, Lotte World Hotel

**Nov 5** True Mother's Speaking Tour in Japan for the Cosmic Nation of Peace and Unity (Cheon Il Guk)

**Nov 5** Fukuoka: Grand Hyatt Hotel

**Nov 6** Takamatsu: Matsunoi Palace Hotel

**Nov 7** Osaka: Mitsui Urban Hotel

**Nov 8** Kobe: Okura Hotel

**Nov 9** Nagoya: Hilton Hotel

**Nov 10** East Tokyo: Keio Plaza Hotel

**Nov 11** Chiba: Tokyo Inn Airport Hotel

**Nov 12** Tokyo: Hotel Okura

**Nov 8** Korean Leaders Conference for the Cosmic Nation of Peace and Unity, Shilla Hotel, Seoul

**Nov 15** [True Father proclaims Cheon Il Guk](#)

**Nov 26** True Mothers 8-City Speaking Tour in the United States for the Cosmic Nation of Peace and Unity (Cheon Il Guk)

**Nov 26** Bridgeport, CT: University of Bridgeport

**Nov 27** Newark, NJ: Robert Treat Hotel

**Nov 28** Dallas, TX: Sterling Hotel

**Nov 29** Oakland, CA: Marriott Hotel

**Nov 30** Los Angeles, CA: Marriott Hotel

**Dec 1** New York, NY: Canaan Methodist Church

**Dec 2** Washington, DC: Allen Chapel AME Church

**Dec 15** Chicago, IL: Hilton Hotel

**Dec 16** Proclamation of the Bequeathing of Cheon Il Guk, Kona, Hawaii

**Dec 20** [World Summit of Muslim Leaders](#)

**Dec 28** [Letter from God](#)

## 2002

- Jan 26** Proclamation of the Era of the Victorious Realm of God's Sovereign Nation, Kona, Hawaii
- Feb 14-18** 2002 World Culture and Sports Festival, Korea  
2002 Assembly of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, Hilton Millennium Hotel, Seoul
- Feb 16** [400 Million Couples Holy Blessing, 3rd Phase](#)
- Mar 1** Proclamation of the Total Unity of the Spirit World and the Physical World, Kona, Hawaii
- Apr 4** [Ceremony for the Total Liberation of 6,000 years of Providential History](#)
- Apr 14** True Father receives the honorary degree of Doctor of Theology (Sun Moon University, Cheonan);  
True Mother receives the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature (Sun Moon University, Cheonan)
- Apr 27** [144,000 Interfaith Clergy Blessing](#)
- May 21** Three Nations Conference for Leaders of Korea, Japan and the United States, Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, VA
- May 21** 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Washington Times, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC
- Jun 11** Proclamation of the Realm of Unity and Secure Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth
- Jun 12** [Sun Moon Peace Cup Inaugural Ceremony](#)
- Jun 14** True Mother addresses Seminar for Woman Leaders of Korea, Sheraton Walkerhill Hotel, Seoul
- Jun 21** Rally to Proclaim the Unity and Secure Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, Jamsil Indoor Stadium, Seoul
- Jul 3** [Holy Blessing of 1,440,000 Second Generation Christian Youth and World Religious Youth](#)
- Jul 4** ["A Cloud of Witnesses" published in U.S. newspapers](#)
- Aug 5** Proclamation that the Unity and Secure Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Expands into the Life of the World
- Aug 10-13** Assemblies to Bring the Unity and Secure Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth into the Life of the World: Korea

**Aug 10** Honam: Gwangju, Shinyang Park Hotel

**Aug 11** Yeongnam: Busan, Lotte Hotel

**Aug 12** Chungcheong: Yuseong, Riviera Hotel

**Aug 13** Seoul: Seoul, Lotte World Hotel

**Aug 18-29** Assemblies to Bring the Unity and Secure Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth into the Life of the World

**Aug 18** Fukuoka: Sea Hawk Hotel

**Aug 19** Hiroshima: Granvia Hotel

**Aug 20** Takamatsu: International Hotel

**Aug 21** Kobe: Okura Hotel

**Aug 22** Osaka: Han Q International Hotel

**Aug 23** Nagoya: Grand Hotel

**Aug 24** Kanazawa: International Hotel

**Aug 25** Niigata: Okura Hotel

**Aug 26** Yokohama: Royal Park Hotel

**Aug 27** Sendai: Koyo Grand Hotel

**Aug 28** Sapporo: Sapporo Park Hotel

**Aug 29** Tokyo: Okura Hotel

**Sep 4** Interreligious Clergy Family Marriage Blessing, Manhattan Center, New York, NY

**Sep 14** [True Parents officiate interreligious and international Blessing and Rededication Ceremony](#)

**Sep 16-30** Assemblies to Bring the Unity and Secure Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth into the Life of the World

**Sep 16** Arlington, VA: Sheraton National Hotel

**Sep 17** Bridgeport, CT: University of Bridgeport

**Sep 18** Boston, MA: Sheraton Hotel

**Sep 22** Atlanta, GA: Renaissance Waverly Hotel

**Sep 23** Miami, FL: Biscayne Bay Marriott and Marina

**Sep 24** Chicago, IL: Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel

**Sep 25** Seattle, WA: Sheraton Hotel

**Sep 26** Oakland, CA: Convention Center

**Sep 27** Los Angeles, CA: Airport Marriott Hotel

**Sep 28** Denver, CO: Doubletree Hotel

**Sep 29** Newark, NJ: Robert Treat Hotel

**Sep 30** New York, NY: Manhattan Center

- Oct 16**      [Rally for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth](#)
- Oct 18**      Holy Burning Ceremony for the Peace, Unity and Liberation of Heaven and Earth, Hannam-dong house, Seoul
- Oct 20**      Rally for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth-the Southern Hemisphere, Sun Moon University, Cheonan
- Nov 5**        Proclamation of the Cheon Il Guk Era of Peace, Unity and Harmony, Central Training Center
- Dec 7**        [National Blessing for Reconciliation](#)
- Dec 9**        1<sup>st</sup> Seminar for Korean, Japanese and American Ambassadors for Peace, Ohana Keauhou Beach Resort, Kona, Hawaii
- Dec 27**      IIFWP Conference, "God and World Peace: An Exploration of the Significance of God for a World in Crisis"

## 2003

- Jan 2**        Blessing of Infants in the Spirit World and Proclamation of Opening the Gate for their Returning to Earth
- Feb 5**        IIFWP World Summit on Leadership and Governance, Lotte Hotel, Seoul
- [Cheongshim International Hospital Dedication](#)
- Feb 6**        [Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony for the Parents of Heaven and Earth](#)  
[Opening the Gate of Cheon Il Guk](#)  
                  Enthronement Ceremony of Parent of Cosmos and Parents of Heaven and Earth Who Reign over the Blessed Families  
                  Presentation of Cheon Il Guk Owners Awards, Cheongpyeong Training Center
- Mar 2**        IIFWP International Leadership Seminar for Peace in the Middle East, Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, VA
- Mar 10**      [Family Party for Peace and Unity inaugurated](#)
- Mar**          Acquisition of YongPyong Resort
- Apr 18**      [123 Clergy take down crosses](#)
- May 2**        Proclamation of the Owners of Re-creation, East Garden, Irvington, NY
- May 4**        Proclamation of the Oiang of the Right of Dominion and Sovereignty

According to the Ideal of Creation

**May 10** Proclamation of High Noon Settlement and the Liberation of All Nations on Earth and in Heaven, East Garden, Irvington, NY

**May 12** [The first Middle East Peace Pilgrimage begins](#)

**May 18** [Clergy and Rabbis sign Jerusalem Declaration](#)

**Jun 29** [Washington Declaration](#)

**Jul 10-15** 2003 World Culture and Sports Festival

**Jul 10** Opening Ceremony of the 2003 World Culture and Sports Festival, Yu Gwan-sun Arena, Cheonan

**Jul 13** Proclamation of the End of the Era of Indemnity, Sun Moon University, Cheonan

[Fourth phase of the International Marriage Blessing Ceremony of 400 Million Couples](#)

**Jul 15** [First Peace Cup Soccer Tournament begins](#)

**Aug 15** Seoul Peace Declaration (for Third Israel), IIFWP Summit Conference for World Peace

**Aug 20** [Proclamation of the Beginning of the Fourth Israel, Hannam-dong house, Seoul](#)

**Oct 3** [Inaugural Assembly for the Interreligious and International Peace Council](#)

**Oct 15** Inaugural Assembly of IIPC-Korea, Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul

**Oct 21** Yeosu World Cup Fishing Tournament 2003, Heungkuk Arena, Yeosu

**Oct 25** Proclamation of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, Cheongpyeong Training Center

**Nov 4** Proclamation that Parent of the Cosmos and Parents of Heaven and Earth Are Liberated

**Nov 8** Rally to Realize the Peace UN and a Peaceful World, Central Training Center, Sutaekdong, Guri, Gyeonggi Province

**Dec 21** Ceremony for Complete Unification, Hannam-dong house, Seoul

**Dec 22** [Peace King Coronation of Jesus](#)

## 2004

- Jan 3** Proclamation of the Return of Jesus and the Five Founders of Religion to the Earth, Cheongpyeong Training Center
- Jan 28** Dedication of the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology, Cheongpyeong
- Feb 4** Coronation of Jesus and Heung-jin Moon as the Kings of Peace of the Second Israel, at the Ambassadors for Peace Awards
- Feb 22** Proclamation of Era of Settlement for Parent of Cosmos, Heaven and Earth, and Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind
- Mar 7** True Father writes a poem for True Mother, "Mother for Whom Heaven Yearns; Mother Whom the Earth Reveres"
- Mar 23** [Crown of Peace Ceremony held in the Dirksen Senate Office Building](#)
- Apr 1** [Dong Ban Gyeok Pa Providence in America begins](#)
- Apr 2** [ACLC Al-Aqsa Mosque pilgrims are safe after a siege](#)
- Apr 13** [Proclamation of Liberation and Release](#)
- Apr 19** Proclamation of *An Shi II* (Day of Secure Settlement and Attendance), World Mission Center, New York, NY
- May 2** [2004 World Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament begins in Yeosu](#)
- May 5** Proclamation of *Ssang Hab Shib Seung II* (The Day of the Victory of the Number Ten Combining Two Fives)
- May 5** [True Father declares \*An Shi II\* \(New Sabbath\) and "The Era after the Coming of Heaven"](#)
- May 13** Rally for the Harmony and Unity of the Gyeongsang and Jeolla Regions, Cheonghae Garden, Yeosu
- May 21** [Rally for the Declaration of Absolute Values for the sake of Harmony and Unification is held](#)
- May 24** [Women of Peace Rally in Jerusalem](#)
- May 29** Proclamation of the End of the Cain-Abel Era, Cheonghae Garden, Yeosu
- Jun 30** Proclamation of *Cheon Yo II* ("Heaven's Day," a proposed 8th day of the week), Cheonghae Garden, Yeosu
- Jul 16** 1<sup>st</sup> Special Meeting to Proclaim Revolution of True Heart and Opening of Era of True Liberation and True Complete Freedom
- Jul 21** 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Meeting to Proclaim Revolution of True Heart and

Opening of Era of True Liberation and True Complete Freedom

**Jul 23-26** 2004 World Culture and Sports Festival, Yu Gwan-sun Arena, Cheonan

**Jul 26** [The 400 Million Couples International Marriage Blessing, Fifth Phase, Yu Gwan-sun Arena, Cheonan](#)

**Aug 20** Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom

**Aug 20** [True Parents call for the founding of the Fourth Israel](#)

**Sep 16** Banquet for a delegation of American financiers, Little Angels Performing Arts Center, Seoul

**Sep 23** [Mongolian Peoples' Federation inaugurated](#)

**Oct 3** Proclamation of the Day of Opening the Unified Nation for the Liberation of the Cosmos

**Oct 26-30** Speeches in four major American cities to proclaim the world of peace and unity centered on God's love

**Oct 26** New York, NY: Rye Brook, Hilton Westchester Hotel

**Oct 28** Washington, DC: Hyatt Regency Hotel

**Oct 29** Chicago, IL: Marriott Hotel Downtown

**Oct 30** Los Angeles, CA: Airport Marriott Hotel

**Nov 8** Assembly to Totally Invest Our Hearts for the Peaceful Unification of the Korean People as One People

**Nov 12** [Cheongshim Youth Center Dedicated](#)

**Nov 16** [Lady Dr. Kim's ascension](#)

**Nov 25** 1<sup>st</sup> Gathering of Representatives of Korean Clans and ceremonial coronation of True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace

**Dec 2** 2<sup>nd</sup> World Assembly of the Mongolian Peoples Federation for World Peace, Yongpyong Resort, Gangwon Province

**Dec 13** Common Legacy Breakfast Summit, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC

**Dec 13** [Fifth Crown of Peace ceremony held](#)

**Dec 13** Founding of the Federation to Commemorate the United Nations Peacekeeping Forces

**Dec 26** Special Marriage Blessing of the Second Generation in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of Cheon Il Guk, East Garden, Irvington, N

## 2005

- Jan 21** Dedication of Peace TV, Inc., Dowon Building, Mapo-gu, Seoul
- Feb 9** Special Marriage Blessing in the 5<sup>th</sup> Year of Cheon Il Guk,  
Cheongpyeong Training Center
- Feb 14** Coronation of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind as the  
King [and Queen] of Peace for Uniting Heaven and Earth
- Mar 4** Rally to Realize the Settlement of Cheon Il Guk, Cheongpyeong  
Training Center
- Mar 26** Conferment of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* Holy Scripture
- Apr 13** Proclamation of the Era of Lasting Peace, The Washington Times  
Building, Washington, DC
- Apr 27** Seminar to Teach Attendance of the Root Ancestor, the King of Peace,  
Cheonghae Garden, Yeosu
- May 5** New FFWPU Headquarters building dedicated in Korea
- Jun 25-28** True Father speaks in four cities in the United States
- Jun 25** New York, NY: Jacob K. Javits Convention Center
- Jun 26** Washington, DC: Ronald Reagan Building
- Jun 27** Chicago, IL: Hilton Hotel
- Jun 28** Los Angeles, CA: Airport Marriott Hotel
- Jul 13** Second Rally to Totally Invest Our Hearts for the Peaceful Unification  
of the Korean People as One People, Olympic Hall, Seoul
- Jul 14** Second Rally to Totally Invest Our Hearts for the Peaceful Unification  
of the Korean People as One People
- Korean-Japanese Banquet to Pray for the Unification of the Fatherland  
of Korea, Ilsan KINTEX, Gyeonggi Province
- Jul 15** 2005 Peace Cup International Soccer Tournament, World Cup  
Stadium, Seoul
- Jul 29** 2005 World Culture and Sports Festival, Yu Gwan-sun Arena, Cheonan
- Aug 1** The 400 Million Couples International Marriage Blessing, Sixth Phase,  
Yu Gwan-sun Arena, Cheonan
- Sep 2** Proclamation of the Day to Embark on the Secure Settlement of the  
Universal Peace Kingdom, North Garden, Kodiak, AK

**Sep 12**      [Universal Peace Federation \(UPF\) founded](#)

**Sep 18**      The Chuseok for the Liberation of Heaven and Earth, East Garden,  
Irvington, NY

**Sep 20-30**   120-Nation Speaking Tour to Launch the Universal Peace Federation:  
United States

**Sep 20** Newark, NJ: Robert Treat Hotel

**Sep 21** Bridgeport, CT: Bridgeport University

**Sep 22** Boston, MA: Westin Hotel

**Sep 23** Washington, DC: Marriott Hotel

**Sep 24** Chicago, IL: Hyatt Regency Hotel

**Sep 20** Atlanta, GA: Georgia International Convention Center

**Sep 20** Dallas> TX: Marriott Hotel

**Sep 27** Denver, CO: Renaissance Hotel

**Sep 27** Seattle, WA: Belle Harbor Conference Center

**Sep 27** San Francisco, CA: Hilton Hotel

**Sep 30** Los Angeles, CA: Marriott Hotel

**Oct 3-14**    120-Nation Speaking Tour to Launch the Universal Peace Federation:  
Korea

**Oct 3** Seoul: Olympic Fencing  
Arena

**Oct 4** Changwon: Changwon  
Arena

**Oct 5** Busan: Gijang Arena

**Oct 6** Incheon: Dowon Arena

**Oct 7** Cheonan: Yu Gwan-sun  
Arena

**Oct 8** Yeongcheon:  
Yeongcheon Arena

**Oct 9** Chungju: Chungju  
Arena

**Oct 10** Chuncheon: Hoban  
Arena

**Oct 11** Gwangju: Yeomju  
Arena

**Oct 12** Iksan: Iksan Arena

**Oct 13** Suwon: Suwon Arena

**Oct 14** Seoul: Olympic Hall

**Oct 3-14**    120 Nation Speaking Tour to Launch the Universal Peace Federation:  
Japan

**Oct 3** Fukuoka: Merle Park  
Hall

**Oct 4** Hiroshima: Pension  
Administration Center

Hotel

**Oct 10** Sendai: Goyo Grand

Hotel

**Oct 11** Saitama: Super Arena

<b>Oct 5</b> Takamatsu: Sogo	Hotel
Cultural Center	<b>Oct 12</b> Nagano: International
<b>Oct 6</b> Kobe: Seaside Hotel	21 Hotel
<b>Oct 7</b> Osaka: Empire Hotel	<b>Oct 13</b> Yokohama: Prince
<b>Oct 8</b> Nagoya: Aichi Pension	Hotel
Administration Center	<b>Oct 14</b> Tokyo: Tokyo Bay
<b>Oct 9</b> Sapporo: Sapporo Park	Hotel

**Oct 16** 120 Nation Speaking Tour to Launch the Universal Peace Federation:  
Asia, Europe, Oceania, South America and Canada

**Oct 16** Mongolia: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia Hall of Government;  
Mongolian National Television broadcasts True Father's address

**Oct 17** Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek, Presidential Office Building

**Oct 18** Georgia: Tbilisi, State Conservatory Grand Hall

<b>Oct 19</b> Latvia: Riga, Baltic	<b>Oct 22</b> Estonia: Tallinn,
Beach Hotel	Radisson Hotel

<b>Oct 20</b> Ukraine: Kiev, Ukraine	<b>Oct 23</b> Lithuania: Vilnius,
House Hall	Forum Palace

**Oct 24** Poland: Warsaw **Oct 25** Romania: Bucharest, Marriott Hotel

**Oct 26** Bosnia-Herzegovina; Sarajevo, Holiday Inn (welcome by  
President Ejup Ganie)

**Oct 28** Hungary: Budapest, Hilton Hotel

**Oct 29** Czech Republic: Prague, Marriott Hotel

**Oct 30** Albania: Tirana, Congress Hall (True Father meets with  
President Alfred Moisiu and Prime Minister Sali Berisha; the speech is  
televised)

**Oct 31** Slovakia: Bratislava, Slovak National Theatre

**Nov 1** Switzerland: Geneva, Hilton Hotel

**Nov 2** The Netherlands: Grand Hotel Amrath Kurhaus the Hague

**Nov 3** Slovenia: Ljubljana, Grand Hotel Union

**Nov 4** Republic of Ireland: Dublin, Gresham Hotel

**Nov 5** United Kingdom: London, Royal Garden Hotel, [True Father  
admitted to the United Kingdom after 27 years](#)

**Nov 7** Nigeria: Abuja, International Conference Center

**Nov 8** Mali: Bamako

**Nov 17** European Union: Geneva, Palais des Nations

**Nov 19** Denmark: Copenhagen, Marriott Hotel

**Nov 22** Nepal: Kathmandu, Birendra International Convention Center

(True Father's speech is televised)

**Nov 23** India: New Delhi, Taj Mahal Hotel

**Nov 24** Sri Lanka: Colombo Penh, InterContinental Hotel

**Nov 25** Indonesia: Jakarta **Nov 28** China: Hong Kong,

**Nov 26** Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur, Convention Center Holiday Inn Golden Mile

**Nov 30** Taiwan: Taipei

**Nov 27** Cambodia: Phnom

**Dec 1** Philippines: Manila (True Parents meet President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo)

**Dec 2** Palau: Koror, Ngarachamayong Cultural Center

**Dec 3** Marshall Islands: Majuro, National Assembly Building

**Dec 4** Solomon Islands: Honiara, Mendana Hotel **Dec 7** Australia: Sydney, Sheraton Hotel

**Dec 5** Samoa: Apia **Dec 8** New Zealand:

**Dec 6** Fiji: Suva Auckland, Ritz Carlton Hotel

**Dec 10** Uruguay: Montevideo, Victoria Plaza Hotel (True Father meets with President Tabare Vazquez)

**Dec 11** Argentina: Sheraton Hotel, Buenos Aires

**Dec 12** Brazil: Sao Paulo, Anhembi Convention Center

**Dec 13** Bolivia: Los Tajibos **Dec 16** Colombia: Bogota

Hotel, Santa Cruz **Dec 17** Guyana: Georgetown

**Dec 14** Peru: Lima, Sheraton **Dec 18** Barbados:

Hotel Bridgetown

**Dec 15** Ecuador: Quito

**Dec 19** Dominican Republic: Santo Domingo, Fiesta Hotel

**Dec 20** Costa Rica: San Jose, Ramada Fiesta Hotel

**Dec 21** Mexico: Mexico City

**Dec 22** Bahamas: Paradise Island, Atlantis Hotel

**Dec 23** Canada: Toronto, Westin Prince Hotel

**Dec 27** Welcome Home Rally after the 120 nation speaking tour to launch the Universal Peace Federation, KINTEX, IIsan

**Dec 29**

International Cross-Cultural (Gyocho) Marriage Blessing Ceremony

## **2006**

**Jan 15**

Ascension of Mrs. Won Bok Choi

**Feb 2**

1<sup>st</sup> Global Assembly of the Universal Peace Federation, KINTEX, Ilsan

**Feb 24**

Dedication of Cheongshim International High School, Cheongpyeong

**Mar 21**

Chiba

UPF Assembly in Japan, Makuhari Messe International Exhibition Hall,

**Mar 25**

UPF Rallies to Return to the Original Fatherland and Hometown

**Mar 25** Seoul: Sun Moon University, Cheonan

**Mar 26** Southern Gyeonggi and Gangwon: Sun Moon University,  
Cheonan

**Mar 28** Gyeongnam, Busan and Ulsan: Changwon Stadium, Changwon

**Mar 30** Jeolla, Gwangju, Jeon ju and Jeju: Gwangju World Cup Stadium,  
Gwangju

**Mar 31** Gyeongbuk, Daegu and Northern Gyeonggi: Sun Moon  
University, Cheonan

**Apr 1** Chungcheong, Daejeon and Cheongju: Sun Moon University,  
Cheonan

**Apr 2** Gyeonggi and Incheon: Sun Moon University, Cheonan

**Mar 27**

Assembly Library, Seoul

Special Assembly to Commemorate the Inauguration of UPF, National

**Apr 3**

Hometown, Seoul Olympic Stadium

Nationwide UPF Rally to Return to the Original Fatherland and

**Apr 10**

Peace, Marriott Hotel, Seoul

3<sup>rd</sup> World Assembly of the Mongolian Peoples Federation for World

**Apr 28**

Original Fatherland and Hometown

180 Nation Universal Peace Federation Speaking Tour to Return to the

**Apr 28** Bridgeport, CT: Bridgeport University

**Apr 29** New York, NY: Jacob Javits Convention Center

**Apr 30** Newark, NJ: Hopewell Baptist Church

**May 1** Boston, MA: Boston Marriott Copley Place

**May 2** Washington, DC: George Washington University

**May 3** Miami, FL: Hilton Hotel

**May 4** Winston-Salem, NC: MC Benton Jr. Convention Civic Center

**May 5** Chicago, IL: Lakeside Center McCormick Place

**May 6** Minneapolis, MN: Crowne Plaza Hotel

**May 7** Los Angeles, CA: Westin Hotel

**May 8** San Francisco, CA: Hilton Hotel

**May 9** Vancouver, Canada: Four Seasons Hotel

**May 10** Seattle, WA: Doubletree Hotel

**May 13** Fukuoka, Japan: Fukuoka Marine Messe

**May 14** Hiroshima, Japan: Welfare Pension Center

**May 15** Dakamas, Japan: General Cultural Center, Airex

**May 16** Kobe, Japan: International Center

**May 17** Osaka, Japan: Hyatt Regency Hotel

**May 18** Nagoya, Japan: Toyota Civic Cultural Center

**May 19** Nagano, Japan: Peoples Cultural Center

**May 20** Saitama, Japan: Kuki Cultural Center

**May 21** Sendai, Japan: Koyo Grand Hotel

**May 22** Sapporo, Japan: Dresen Sapporo Hotel

**May 23** Yokohama, Japan: Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel

**May 24** Tokyo, Japan: Chiba Port Arena

**May 28** Philippines: Manila, Makati Shangri La Hotel

**May 29** Indonesia: Jakarta, Ritz Carlton Hotel

**May 30** Malaysia: Kuala Lumpur, Hilton Hotel,

**May 31** Sri Lanka: Colombo, World Trade Center

**Jun 1** Nepal: Kathmandu, Birendra International Convention Center

**Jun 3** India: New Delhi, Oberoi Hotel

**Jun 4** Cambodia: Phnom Penh, InterContinental Hotel

**Jun 6** Taiwan: Taipei, Father of the Nation Museum

**Jun 1** Joint Clan Rally for the Unification of the Fatherland of Universal  
Peace, Marriott Hotel, Seoul

**Jun 6** Prayer service for the unity of spirit and flesh at the Cheon Il Guk  
Original Palace and Holy Ground

Institution of the Cheon Il Guk Citizens' Pledge

**Jun 10** Groundbreaking for the Korea Times Aviation Aerospace Industrial Complex at Gimpo, Gyeonggi Province

**Jun 12** Launch of the UPF peace kingdom corps and peace kingdom police, Cheongpyeong Training Center

**Jun 13** [Cheon Jeong Gung Entrance Ceremony](#)

**Jun 16** True Father writes a dedication to commemorate the entrance into the Cheon Jeong Gung Palace

Continuation of the 180 Nation UPF Speaking Tour to Return to the Original Fatherland and Hometown

**Jun 16** Mongolia: Ulaanbaatar, Palace Hotel Grand Ballroom

**Jun 18** Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek, Theatre Philharmonia

**Jun 19** Tajikistan: Dushanbe, Presidential Strategy Research Center

**Jun 22** Azerbaijan: Baku, Crescent Beach Hotel

**Jun 23** Estonia: Tallinn, Olympia Hotel

**Jun 24** Latvia: Riga, Baltic Beach Hotel

**Jun 25** Lithuania: Vilnius, Crowne Plaza Hotel

**Jun 26** Ukraine: Kiev, Premier Palace Hotel

**Jun 27** Lebanon: Beirut, Metropolitan Palace Hotel

**Jun 28** Turkey: Istanbul, Swissotel The Bosphorus

**Jun 29** Israel: Jerusalem, Regency Hotel

**Jun 30** Jordan: Amman, Radisson SAS Hotel

**Jul 1** Malta: St. Julians, Westin Dragonara Resort

**Jul 2** Poland: Warsaw, Sofitel Warsaw Victoria

**Jul 3** Romania: Bucharest, Marriott Hotel

**Jul 4** Slovakia: Bratislava, Slovak National Theater

**Jul 5** Hungary: Budapest, Corinthia Hotel

**Jul 6** Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sarajevo, Hotel Holiday

**Jul 7** Albania: Tirana, Congress Hall

**Jul 8** Croatia: Zagreb, Sheraton Hotel

**Jul 9** Switzerland: Geneva, Hilton Palace Hotel

**Jul 10** Czech Republic: Prague, Palace Zofin

**Jul 11** Denmark: Copenhagen, Marriott Hotel

**Jul 12** Slovenia: Ljubljana, Grand Hotel Union

**Jul 13** Ireland: Dublin

**Jul 14** Netherlands: The Hague

**Jul 15** England: London, Royal Horticultural Society

**Jul 18** Kenya: Nairobi, Raikou Hotel

**Jul 20** Tanzania: Dar es Salaam, Moevenpick Hotel

**Jul 21** Ethiopia: Addis Ababa, Sheraton Addis

**Jul 22** Nigeria: Abuja, Le Meridian Hotel,

**Jul 23** Benin: Cotonou, Palais de Congres

**Jul 24** Cameroon: Yaounde, Congress Hotel

**Jul 25** Zambia: Lusaka, Mulungushi International Conference Center

**Jul 27** Uruguay: Montevideo, Victoria Plaza Hotel

**Jul 28** Argentina: Buenos Aires, Sheraton Hotel

**Jul 29** Brazil: Sao Paulo, South America Unihcation Movement

Headquarters

**Jul 31** Bolivia: La Paz, Hotel Los Tajibos

**Aug 1** Colombia: Bogota, Hotel Tequendama

**Aug 2** Dominican Republic: Santo Domingo, Jaragua Hotel

**Aug 3** Jamaica: Kingston, Jamaica Pegasus Hotel

**Aug 4** Bahamas: Riu Palace Paradise Island

**Aug 5** Mexico: Mexico City, Fiesta Americana Hotel

**Aug 6** Costa Rica: San Jose, Ramada Plaza Herradura Hotel

**Aug 7** Venezuela: Caracas, Tamanaco Intercontinental Hotel

**Aug 8** Peru: Lima, Sheraton Hotel

**Aug 9** Chile: Santiago, Sheraton Hotel

**Aug 13** New Zealand: Auckland, Sky City Convention Center

**Aug 14** Australia: Sydney, City Recital Hall

**Aug 15** Vanuatu: Port Vila, Le Lagon Resort

**Aug 16** Papua New Guinea: Port Moresby, Crowne Plaza Hotel

**Aug 17** Solomon Islands: Honiara, Solomon Kitano Mendana Hotel

**Aug 18** Palau: Koror, Ngarachamayong Cultural Center

**Aug 19** China: Hong Kong, Grand Hyatt

**Jul 12**      [Archbishop Milingo returns, begins married priest ministry](#)

**Jul 14**      4<sup>th</sup> World Assembly of the Mongolian Peoples Federation for World  
Peace, Intercontinental Hotel, Geneva, Switzerland

**Aug 20** Victory and Complete Freedom Rally to Bring Universal Peace to the Fatherland and Hometown

**Aug 28** [Third generation Holy Marriage Blessing](#)

**Aug 31** Victory and Complete Freedom Rally to Bring Universal Peace to the Fatherland and Hometown, Marriott Hotel, Seoul

**Sep 1** UPF Worldwide Speaking Tour

**Sep 1** Japan: Tokyo, Chiba Port Arena

**Sep 3** United States: New York, NY, Manhattan Center

**Sep 4** Canada:

Toronto

**Sep 20**

Mongolia

**Sep 21** China:

Hong Kong

**Sep 22** Nepal

**Sep 23**

Malaysia

**Sep 24** Taiwan

**Sep 25** The

Philippines

**Sep 27** New

Zealand

**Sep 28**

Australia

**Sep 30**

Uruguay

**Oct 1**

Argentina and

Ethiopia

**Oct 2** Chile

**Oct 3**

Paraguay

**Oct 4** Brazil

**Oct 5** Bolivia

**Oct 6** Peru

**Sep 12** Commemoration of the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Universal Peace Federation and of the Entrance Ceremony to the UPF Kingdom

**Sep 14** Proclamation that prayers should end with "Aju" Instead of "Amen," Cheong Jeong Gung Palace, Cheongpyeong

**Sep 26** [Archbishop Milingo excommunicated by the Vatican](#)

**Oct 14** 5<sup>th</sup> World Assembly of the Mongolian Peoples Federation for World Peace, Cheong Jeong Gung Palace, Cheongpyeong

Kyrgyzstan National Academy of Sciences confers on True Father the honorary degree of Doctor of Language and Literature

**Oct 21-Dec 31** 176 religious leaders continue the UPF Worldwide Speaking Tour in more than 50 nations

**Oct 28** [Inaugural Peace Queen Cup Soccer Tournament begins](#)

## 2007

**Jan 3** Appointment of leaders and representatives of the Twelve Tribes,

Cheong Jeong Gung Palace, Cheongpyeong

**Jan 8** Proclamation of the Completion and Conclusion of the Peace

Messages, Cheong Jeong Gung Palace, Cheongpyeong

**Feb 22** [Cross-Cultural Marriage Blessing](#)

**Feb 23** True Fathers *Misu* (88<sup>th</sup>) Birthday Celebration, Cheong Jeong Gung Palace, Cheongpyeong

Presentation of the first edition of the *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, Cheong Jeong Gung Palace, Cheongpyeong

**Mar 17** [True Father proclaims "The Pacific Rim Era"](#)

**Mar 19** Proclamation of Returning to the Civilization of Universal Peace and the Age of God's Kingship

**Apr 3-25** [Rally to declare the beginning of a new civilization of peace](#)

**Apr 3** Gyeongnam:

Arena

Changwon Arena

**Apr 15** Chungbuk: Gyesan

**Apr 4** Northern Seoul:

Arena

Olympic Hall

**Apr 16** Busan: Gudeok Arena

**Apr 5** Southern Seoul:

**Apr 18** Ulsan: KBS Hall

Olympic Hall

**Apr 19** Daegu: Daegu EXCO

**Apr 6** Southern Gyeonggi:

**Apr 20** Gwangju: Gudong

Suwon Arena

Arena

**Apr 7** Incheon: Dowon Arena

**Apr 21** Gyeongbuk: Pohang

**Apr 8** Northern Gyeonggi:

Arena

Seoul, Olympic Hall

**Apr 22** Jeju: Convention

**Apr 9** Chungnam: Gongju

Center

Arena

**Apr 23** Eastern Seoul:

**Apr 10** Daejeon: Multi-

Olympic Weightlifting Arena

purpose Arena

**Apr 24** Western Seoul:

**Apr 11** Gangwon: Chuncheon

Olympic Weightlifting Arena

Hoban Arena

**Apr 25** Nationwide

**Apr 12** Jeonbuk: Iksan Arena

Assembly: Seoul, Century

**Apr 13** Jeonnam: Mokpo

City Marriott

**Apr 21** [Hirokazu Ota released by Paraguayan kidnappers](#)

**May 2-11** Rallies to Announce the Dawn of the New Civilization of Universal Peace, True Mother in Japan

**May 2** Fukuoka: JAL Sea

Hawk Hotel

**May 3** Hiroshima: Welfare

Pension Center

**May 4** Osaka: Hyatt Regency

Hotel

**May 5** Kobe: International

Center

**May 6** Nagoya: Welfare

Pension Center

**May 7** Yokohama: Royal Park

Hotel

**May 8** Chiba: New Otani

Makuhari Hotel

**May 9** Sendai: Goyo Grand

Hotel

**May 10** Tokyo: Chiba Port

Arena Hotel

**May 11** Sapporo: Gato

Kingdom Sapporo Hotel

**May 17** [The Washington Times 25th anniversary celebration](#)

**May 21** Rallies to Announce the Dawn of the New Civilization of Universal  
Peace

**May 21** New York, NY: Manhattan Center

**May 22** Newark, NJ: Robert Treat Hotel

**May 23** Boston, MA: Westin Copley Place Hotel

**May 24** Washington, DC: Marriott Hotel

**May 25** Miami, FL: Airport Hilton Hotel

**May 26** Dallas, TX: Westin Hotel

**May 27** Columbus, OH: Renaissance Hotel

**May 28** Chicago, IL: Hilton Hotel

**May 29** Minneapolis, MN: Radisson University Hotel

**May 30** Seattle, WA: Airport Hilton Hotel

**May 31** San Francisco, CA: Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport

**Jun 1** Los Angeles, CA: Airport Marriott Hotel

**Jul 4** 2007 World Culture and Sports Festival, Yu Gwan-sun Arena,  
Cheonan

**Jul 5** [Cross-Cultural Marriage Blessing Ceremony in the Sacred Reign of  
Peace](#)

**Jul 12** 3<sup>rd</sup> Peace Cup International Soccer Tournament, World Cup Stadium,  
Seoul

**Aug 5** [World Peace Center, Pyongyang, North Korea, dedicated](#)

**Sep 2** Proclamation of the Beginning of Returning to the Fatherland and  
Hometown of the True Parent

**Sep 23**      [True Father launches "Substantial Abel" UN](#)

**Oct 14**      Rally to Unite Heaven and Earth for the Liberation of God's Fatherland,  
Sun Moon University, Cheonan

**Nov 11**      [True Mother begins U.S. 12-city speaking tour](#)

<b>Nov 11</b> Los Angeles, CA	Minneapolis, MN	Washington, DC
<b>Nov 12</b> San Francisco, CA	<b>Nov 16</b> Dallas, TX	<b>Nov 20</b> Boston, MA
<b>Nov 13</b> Seattle, WA	<b>Nov 17</b> Columbus, OH	<b>Nov 21</b> Newark, NJ
<b>Nov 14</b> Chicago, IL	<b>Nov 18</b> Atlanta, GA	<b>Nov 22</b> New York, NY
<b>Nov 15</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>	

**Nov 19**      [1,000th Cheongshim baby born](#)

**Dec 8**      Conference to support the inauguration of the Abel UN, Sheraton  
National Hotel, Arlington, VA

## 2008

**Jan 7**      UPF Leadership Conference to Proclaim Beginning of the Age of the  
Reign of God in Cheon Il Guk in the Double Jubilee Years

**Jan 7**      Inauguration of the Foundation of Peace and Unification, charged with  
building the Bering Strait Tunnel, Seoul

**Jan 29**      Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Gwangyang Bay Free Economic  
Zone in the Hwangyang district of Yeosu

**Feb 10**      [Toru Goto freed from captivity](#)

**Feb 25**      Dedication of Queen Garden, Kona, Hawaii

**Mar 17**      Hyo-jin Moon's ascension.

**Mar 19**      World-level Ascension Ceremony for Hyo-jin Moon, Cheongpyeong  
Training Center

**Apr 11**      Final Declaration Rally for the Liberation of God's Fatherland, Seoul  
Olympic Fencing Arena

- Apr 13** Appointment of *boonbongwangs* (True Parents' Anointed Representatives) to Korea, Japan and the United States
- Apr 18** Hyung-jin Moon inaugurated as International President of FFWPU, Cheon Jeong Gung Palace
- May 28** Rally in Korea to proclaim the inauguration of the realm of the Abel UN, Central City, Seoul
- Jun 14** 2<sup>nd</sup> Peace Queen Cup Soccer Tournament, Suwon World Cup Stadium
- Jul 18** Dedication of Yeosu Ocean Resort, Yeosu
- Jul 19** [True Parents survive helicopter crash](#)
- Aug 7** (7. 7 LC) Declaration and 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Chil Pal Jeol* (7-8 Day), Cheon Jeong Gung Palace
- Aug 27** Proclamation of the Day of Complete Rebirth, Complete Resurrection and Complete Eternal Life
- Oct 10** 1<sup>st</sup> seminar to proclaim God has completed His responsibility for providential history and achieved realm of His liberation
- Oct 28** [Groundbreaking ceremony for Cheongshim Peace World Center Stadium](#)
- Oct 30** [WFWP conference held in North Korea](#)

## 2009

- Jan 9** [Kazakhstan imprisons Unificationist missionary](#)
- Jan 15** Coronation of God, the King of All Kings, with the Authority of His Liberation, Cheon Jeong Gung Palace, Cheongpyeong
- Jan 28** Publication of *World Scripture and the Teachings of Sun Myung Moon*
- Jan 30** True Parents' Birthday Celebration (True Father's 90th birthday), Cheongpyeong Training Center
- Jan 31** Coronation of God, the King of All Kings, with the Authority of His Liberation
- [Interreligious and Intercultural Marriage Blessing, and True Father's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday](#)
- Mar 9** [True Father's autobiography published](#)
- Mar 10** [Unificationist is freed in Kazakhstan](#)

- Mar 17**      [Hyo Jin Moon ascends](#)
- Apr 19**      Celebration of True Parents' golden wedding anniversary on the 50<sup>th</sup> year after their Holy Wedding
- Rally for the Secure Settlement of Peace between Cain and Abel at the Cosmic Level for the Parents of Heaven and Earth
- Apr 21**      *Wongu* (Round Ball) Peace Cup Cain-Abel Tournament for Harmony between Heaven and Earth, Seongnam First Stadium
- Jun 1**        Celebration of the publication of True Father's autobiography, *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*
- Jul 7**        True Father's speech "Owner of Peace and Owner of Lineage," East Garden, Irvington, NY
- Jul 10**      Assembly for the settlement of True Parents' UN, Cheon Jeong Gung Palace, Cheongpyeong
- Jul 24**      2009 Peace Cup Andalusia International Soccer Tournament begins, Spain
- Aug 1**        Celebration of the publication of True Parents' autobiography in Europe, Renaissance Hotel, Barcelona, Spain
- Aug 15**      *Wongu* Peace Cup Cain-Abel Tournament for Harmony between Heaven and Earth, Seongnam General Sports Arena
- Oct 1**        Celebration of the publication of True Father's autobiography in the United States, Sheraton National Hotel, Arlington, VA
- Oct 8**        Proclamation of the Era for Establishing the Association to Connect the Earth to the Spirit World with God at the Center
- Oct 14**      [First "Cosmic Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony"](#)
- Nov 16**      [11.16 Blessing Ceremony for Unificationist-born Couples](#)
- Dec 16**      Universal Peace Federation rally in the United States, Las Vegas, NV

## 2010's

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- Feb 14**      (1.1HC) Proclamation of the Arrival of the Age of the Heavenly

## Calendar

**Feb 17**     [True Parents officiate 1.4 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony](#)

**Feb 21**     [Cheon Bok Gung \(Unification Peace Temple\) opens](#)

**Mar 18**     [First Legacy of Peace ceremony](#)

**Mar 18** New York, NY: United Nations Headquarters

**Apr 1** Washington, DC: Sheraton National Hotel

**Apr 2** New York, NY: Manhattan Center

**Apr 4** Las Vegas: Paris Hotel

**Apr 9** Honolulu: Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa

**Mar 21**     Angelica Selle inaugurated as President of Women's Federation for  
World Peace (WFWP) USA

**Apr 21 -26**   Commemoration of the sailors who perished at the sinking of the ship  
Cheonan

**Apr 21** Hon.am: Gwangju, Kim Dae-jung Convention Center

**Apr 22** Youngnam: Daegu, Inter-Burgo Hotel

**Apr 23** Seoul: Seoul, Central City

**Apr 26** Chungcheong: Cheongju, Ramada Plaza Hotel

**Apr 29**     [Coronation for the Establishment of the Abel UN and celebratory  
luncheon for True Parents' golden wedding anniversary](#)

**May 9**     [A tribute to True Parents' Golden Wedding Anniversary and "Legacy of  
Peace" honorees](#)

**Jun 19**     Proclamation of True Parents' Ultimate Oneness and Perfection and  
of the Conclusion and Consummation of their Mission

**Jul 1**     [True Father holds a 23.5-hour Hoon Dok Hwe](#)

**Jul 8**     [Convention to Proclaim the Embodiment of God's Word and the Era of  
the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind](#)

**Jul 24**     [Second Convention to Proclaim the Word that Firmly Establishes the  
True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind](#)

**Aug 16**     Ceremony to Bequeath the Eight Textbooks, Cheon Jeong Gung  
Palace, Cheongpyeong

**Oct 10**     Marriage Blessing based on Completion of the Settlement of the True  
Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind (7,200 couples)

**Oct 12**     *Wongu* Peace Cup Cain-Abel Tournament for Harmony between  
Heaven and Earth, Namyangju Athletic and Cultural Center

**Oct 17** 2010 Peace Queen Cup International Women's Soccer Tournament, Suwon World Cup Stadium, Suwon

**Nov 18** Solomon Islands Prime Minister Danny Philip visits True Parents at Cheon Jeong Gung Palace, Cheongpyeong

**Nov 22** [Era of Universal Peace Assembly held](#)

**Nov 22** Washington, DC and New York, NY: Manhattan Center

**Nov 27** Las Vegas and the Hoover Dam: Caesar's Palace

**Dec 4** [Third Cosmic Assembly to Proclaim the Substantial Word](#)

**Dec 7** Rally for Harmony and Unity within the Realm of Cain and Abel for World Peace, Cheon Bok Gung headquarters church, Seoul

## 2011

**Feb 17** Dedication, launch of first *Cheon Jeong Ho* Boat, briefing on resin plaster mold manufacturing method True Father invented

**Mar 5** Celebration to mark the distribution of 50,000 copies of True Father's autobiography in Las Vegas

**Mar 11** [Massive tsunami hits Japan](#)

**Apr 24** Cosmic Assemblies for Settlement of True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind Who Proclaim the Word

<p><b>Apr 24</b> Korea: Incheon, Songdo Convention Center</p> <p><b>Apr 26</b> Spain: Madrid, Westin Hotel</p> <p><b>Apr 29</b> Italy: Rome, Marriott Hotel</p> <p><b>May 1</b> Norway: Oslo, Bristol Hotel</p> <p><b>May 4</b> Greece: Athens, Marriott Hotel</p> <p><b>May 7</b> Turkey: Istanbul, Sheraton Hotel</p> <p><b>May 11</b> England: London,</p>	<p>True Mother speaks at the Houses of Parliament and</p> <p>True Father speaks at the Hilton Hotel</p> <p><b>May 13</b> Switzerland: Geneva, United Nations Building</p> <p><b>May 18</b> Germany: Berlin, Tempodrom</p> <p><b>May 21</b> <a href="#"><u>United States: Las Vegas, Aria Hotel</u></a></p> <p><b>Jul 18</b> <a href="#"><u>Nigeria: Abuja, International Convention Center</u></a></p>
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- Jul 15**      [True Parents meet Nigerian president](#)
- Jul 22**      Celebration of the publication of True Father's autobiography in cartoon format, South Point Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
- Jul 29**      Proclamation of Realm of Sabbath and Liberation through High Noon Settlement Bringing in the Era of Peace and Prosperity
- Aug 18**      Dedication and launch of the *Wonmo Ho* boat, Lake Mead, NV
- Sep 12**      [Ocean Cheonjeong Palace Hotel on Geomun Island dedicated](#)
- Sep 16**      [Korean surnames are bestowed upon 172 faith leaders from the United States](#)
- Oct 5**      Rally to Launch Registration in God's Fatherland, Rio Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
- Oct 22**      [Peace Week Ceremony commemorates 20th anniversary of True Parents' visit to North Korea](#)
- Nov 10**      [David S.C. Kim's Seonghwa Ceremony](#)
- Nov 22**      True Father presents his vision of peace in God's fatherland and the Abel Peace UN to a seminar to the business community
- Nov 29**      [Korean executives urged to implement True Father's teachings](#)

## 2012

- Jan 8**      [True Father begins Cosmic Assemblies for the Settlement of the True Parents](#)
- Jan 8** Gyeonggi: Ilsan, KINTEX
- Jan 9** Chungbuk: Cheongju, Ramada Plaza Hotel
- Jan 10** Daegu and Gyeongbuk: Daegu, EXCO
- Jan 11** Gangwon: Chuncheon, Hoban Arena
- Jan 12** Gwangju and Jeolla: Gwangju, Yeomju Arena
- Jan 13** Daejeon and Chungnam: Hongseong, Hongju Culture and Sports Center
- Jan 14** Busan, Ulsan and Gyeongnam: Busan, BEXCO
- Jan 15** Seoul and Incheon: Ilsan, KINTEX
- Feb 27**      World Martial Arts Tournament to welcome age of liberation

**Feb 28** Dedication of the Yeosu Ocean Hotel, Yeosu

**Mar 4** WFWP Assembly for Inheritance and Accomplishment in Age of Liberation Opened by Victory of True Parents

**Mar 5** [True Mother's multi-city Japan speaking tour](#)

**Mar 6-11** Rallies in Japan for Inheritance and Accomplishment in the Age of Liberation

**Mar 6** Kawasaki: Todoroki Arena

**Mar 7** Hiroshima: Culture Exchange Center

**Mar 8** Kumamoto: Grand Messe Kumamoto

**Mar 9** Kyoto: Westin Miyako Hotel

**Mar 10** Nagoya: Port Messe Nagoya

**Mar 11** Sapporo: Goto Kingdom Sapporo Hotel

**Mar 15** Inauguration of True Mother as the seventh chairperson of the Sun Moon Education Foundation, Universal Arts Center, Seoul

**Mar 22** [Cheongshim World Peace Center dedicated](#)

**Mar 23** 2012 World Culture and Sports Festival, with Wongu Peace Cup CainAbel Tournament for Harmony between Heaven and Earth

**Mar 24** [First Holy Marriage Blessing held at the Cheongshim World Peace Center](#)

**May 18** Opening of Special 30 Day Educational Program on Original Substance of Divine Principle for Renewal of Tribal Messiahs

**Jun 4** [Chairman Seung Ryong Moon's ascension](#)

**Jul 16** [Establishment Rally for the Abel Women UN](#)

**Jul 19** 2012 Peace Cup International Soccer Tournament, World Cup Stadium, Suwon, Gyeonggi Province

**Aug 2** [True Father's final visit to Osan School](#)

**Aug 3** [True Father admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, Seoul](#)

**Aug 13** [True Father's final prayer](#)

**Sep 3** [True Father's ascension](#)

**Sep 6** [True Father lies in state as thousands pay respects](#)

**Sep 7** [True Father awarded National Reunification Prize from North Korea](#)

**Sep 14** *Ipjeon* Ceremony (placing the body in the casket) for Sun Myung Moons Cosmic Holy Ascension, Cheon Jeong Gung Palace

**Sep 15** [True Father's Seonghwa Ceremony](#)

- Wonjeon* (Interment) Ceremony at the *Bon Hyang Won* (Original Home Garden) on Mt. Cheonseong
- Sep 17** Special Assembly of World Leaders for the Victory of Foundation Day, Cheongshim Peace World Center, Cheongpyeong
- Sep 27** Condolence offering for True Fathers Holy Ascension is donated to help the less fortunate
- Oct 26** [True Mother's North American pilgrimage tour begins](#)
- Oct 27** [True Mother addresses WFWP USA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention](#)
- Nov 2** [Korean church launches nationwide Divine Principle revival campaign](#)
- Nov 12** Inaugural International Assembly of Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN)
- Nov 29** [True Mother hosts sermon contest](#)
- Dec 11** 100 Day Memorial Service for True Father, Cheon JeongGung Palace, Cheongpyeong

## 2013

- Jan 7** [God as "Heavenly Parent"](#)
- Feb 17** [True Mother officiates Cosmic Blessing Ceremony](#)
- Feb 20** [Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation inaugurated](#)
- Feb 22** [Foundation Day](#)  
Enthronement Ceremony of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind in Cheon Il Guk  
Marriage Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk, Cheongshim Peace World Center, Cheongpyeong
- Mar 4** [Universal Peace Academy opens](#)
- Mar 24** [Dr. Martin Porter ascends](#)
- Mar 26** [True Mother prepares for Unificationist youth](#)
- Apr 8** [Passing of Lady Margaret Thatcher](#)
- Apr 9** Dedication of the Il Hwa GMP Factory Building, Chuncheon
- May 5** [Joint worship service for kickoff of Vision 2020](#)
- May 14** Dedication of the Sun Hak Music Hall, Sun Moon University, Cheonan

**Jun 10**      [True Mother bestows \*Cheon Seong Gyeong\* and \*Pyeong Hwa Gyeong\*](#)

[Heavenly Scriptures](#)

**Jun 19**      [Tongil Group employees support North Korean escapees,](#)

[multicultural families](#)

**Aug 22**      Exhibition of artifacts to commemorate the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of True Fathers Holy Ascension, Cheon Jeong Gung Palace

**Aug 23**      [First anniversary of True Father's \*Seonghwa\*](#)

**Aug 24**      Dedication of the Japanese translation of the *Cheon Seang Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, Cheon Jeong Gung Palace

**Sep 23**      Top Gun 21-day seminar for Vision 2020, Cheong Jeong Gung Palace, Cheongpyeong

**Oct 14-22**   True Mothers speaking tour in Japan commemorating the 55th anniversary of the first missionary's arrival

**Oct 14** Sapporo: Gato Kingdom Sapporo Hotel

**Oct 16** Saitama: Super Arena

**Oct 18** Nagoya: Port Messe Nagoya

**Oct 20** Nagano: Nagano Church Headquarters

**Oct 22** Kobe: World Memorial Hall

**Dec 10**      [True Mother and Korean FFWPU aid typhoon-afflicted Philippines](#)

**Dec 15**      2013 World Leaders Convention for the Advancement of Korean Reunification and Peace in Northeast Asia

## **2014**

**Feb 9**      Second presentation of scholarships and service awards by the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation

**Feb 12**      (1.13 HC) 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day , Cheongshim Peace World Center, Cheongpyeong

[Proclamation of the Cheon Il Guk Constitution](#)

[Cosmic Blessing Ceremony](#)

**Feb 24**      [\*Ilhwa\* Ginseng products receive kosher certification](#)

**Mar 12**      Dedication of the Ocean Providence Headquarters Building, Las Vegas, NV

- May 10** Dedication of the World Headquarters at the Cheon Jeong Gung Palace, Cheongpyeong
- May 11** First worldwide broadcast of Cheongshim Peace World Center Vision 2020 victory worship services
- Appointment of Special Emissaries, Cheongshim Peace World Center, Cheongpyeong
- May 27** True Mother begins a condition to visit 12 peaks in the Swiss Alps
- Jun 3** [Yeon Ah Moon inaugurated as WFWP International President](#)
- Jun 22** [God's Hope for America Holy Ground pilgrimage begins](#)
- Jul 13** [God's Hope for America pilgrimage reaches halfway point](#)
- Jul 22** [Second Aloha workshop begins](#)
- Aug 3** [God's Hope For America Tour concludes](#)
- Aug 8** [Dedication ceremony for True Parents' Archives](#)
- Aug 11** Establishment of the Sun-Hak Peace Award Committee, Seoul Press Center, Seoul
- Aug 12** [Second anniversary of True Father's Universal \*Seonghwa\*](#)
- Dedication of the English translations of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, Cheongshim Peace World Center
- Oct 20** [Julia Kim ascends](#)
- Nov 1** [Multicultural Peace Festival held in Korea](#)
- Nov 13** [Japan High Court landmark ruling against kidnapping and "deprogramming"](#)
- Dec 14** True Mother Inaugurates Cranes Club

## 2015

- Jan 18** [Rev. Reiner Vincenz's Ascension](#)
- Jan 30** [First UPF Asian Summit is held in the Philippines](#)
- Feb 1** [150,000 receive Interfaith Peace Blessing in the Philippines](#)
- Feb 21** [70,000 in Nepal participate in International Peace Blessing](#)
- Mar 3** [Second Anniversary of Foundation Day and Cosmic Blessing Ceremony](#)
- Mar 6** [Sun Jin Moon appointed FFWPU International President](#)

**Apr 24**     [Gerhard Peemoeller, "Bodyguard for Christ," ascends](#)

**May 10**     [True Mother celebrates 50 years of the Unification Movement in Europe](#)

**May 11**     [True Mother, UPF and FFWPU designate a donation of \\$1 million to Nepal earthquake victims](#)

**May 28**     International Peace Education Center (IPEC) Opens in Las Vegas

**May 30**     [True Father's 1,000-day memorial celebration](#)

**May 30**     [Peace Road 2015 world launch](#)

**Jun 8**       [First Sunhak Peace Prize award recipients selected](#)

**Jun 15**     [Austrian government grants Unification Church legal status](#)

**Aug 26**     Japanese Unification Church changes legal name from HSA-UWC to FFWPU

**Aug 28**     First Sunhak Peace Prize Awarded

**Sep 1**       *Chambumo Gyeong* (True Parents' Scripture) dedicated

## 2016

**Feb 11**     [Heaven G. Burger Dedicated](#)

**Feb 11**     [International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace \(IAPP\) founded](#)

**Apr 21**     *Cheon Il Guk* Holy Items sanctified

**Jul 1**       *Hyo Jeong Cheon Won* announced as official name of *Cheong Pyeong* complex

**Aug 20**     Sunhak Institute of History Dedicated

**Sep 8**       *Cheonji Sunhak Won* Groundbreaking

**Nov 30**     U.S. Launch of International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP),  
  
True Mother Speaks in Kennedy Caucus Room, Russel Senate Office Building

**Dec 6**       Hyo Jeong East Garden Museum Dedicated

## 2017

- Feb 4**      [True Mother Revives ICUS](#)  
Inaugural World Assembly of International Association of  
Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP)
- Feb 23**      International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP)  
established
- Apr 30-Jun 4** Vision Rallies for Harmonious Unification of Korea
- Apr 30** Seoul joint metropolitan rally
- May 14** Yongnam, BEXCO
- May 28** Gwangju, Kim Dae-Jung Convention Center
- June 3** Imjingak, in Paju-si, Gyeonggi-do, Youth and Students Rally
- June 4** Chungcheong, Asan-si, Sun Moon University
- May 31**      Hyo Jeong Azalea townhouses dedication
- Jun 13**      Youth for Peace Rally, Bangkok, Thailand
- Jul 15**      “Peace Starts with Me” Rally at Madison Square Garden
- Sep 8**      Magnolia Plaza dedicated
- Sep 8**      Cheonji Sunhakwon Ground Breaking Ceremony
- Sep 9**      Hyo Jeong Café and Sunsuwon dedicated
- Sep 9**      Dedication of Hyojeong Academy of Arts and Sciences
- Nov 2**      Sunhak Institute of History USA Established
- Nov 11**      Global Rally for the Peaceful Reunification of the Korean Peninsula
- Nov 13**      Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) founded
- Nov 16**      Nagoya Hyo Jeong Culture Festival
- Nov 21**      Osaka Hyo Jeong Family Festival
- Dec 21**      True Mother restructures FFWPU-USA in five sub-regions

## 2018

- Jan 18**      Africa Summit, Dakar, Senegal
- Jan 19**      True Mother Visits Goree Island
- Apr 29**      Peace Starts with Me Rally, Vienna, Austria

**Apr 30** Mauthausen death camp Memorial Liberation Prayer

**Jul 28** *Hyo Jeong Cheong Pyeong* Special Event Tour begins, USA

**Jul 28-29** Belvedere, NY

**Aug 4-5** Maryland

**Oct 27-28** Las Vegas

**Nov 3-4** Chicago

**Aug 28** *Cheon Bo Won* (Genealogy Center) Dedicated

**Nov 4** *Hyo Jeong* Youth Orchestra Inaugurated, Seorak, Korea

**Nov 12** Peace Starts with Me Rally, Nassau Coliseum, New York

**Nov 21** Peace and Family Festival, Harare, Zimbabwe

**Nov 22-24** Africa Summit; to Honor the Legacy of Nelson Mandela; Interfaith and Peace Blessing, Capetown, South Africa

**Nov 30-Dec 3** Asia-Pacific Summit, Kathmandu, Nepal

**Dec 3** Rally for the Hopeful March Forward of Heavenly Asia

**Dec 9** Minnesota Family Church Dedicated

**Dec 31** Demian Dunkley appointed President of Family Federation, USA

## 2019

**Jan 1** True Mother offers New Year benediction prayer at the National Prayer to Open the Era for a Unified, Heavenly Korea

**Jan 9** Rev. Yo Han Lee Ascension

**Jan 12** Dr. Bo Hi Pak Ascension

**Feb 2** Dr. Ki Hoon Kim and Dr. Luonne Rouse Inaugurated as Co-Chairs of American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC)

**Feb 3** Chicago Family Church dedicated

**Feb 7** Inaugural Rally of the Cheon Il Guk International Association of Heavenly Tribal Messiahs

**Feb 8** International Summit Council for World Peace established

**Feb 9** Third Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony

**Feb 15** True Mother changes the name of the Cheong Pyeong complex to the Heaven and Earth HJ (Hyo Jeong) Cheonbo Training Center and Cheong Pyeong

JANUARY

## January 1, 1968

God's Day Established



God's Day was the last of the Unification Church's original four Holy Days to be established after Parents Day (3.1.60 lunar), Children's Day (10.1.60 lunar) and Day of All Things (5.1.63 lunar). It also was the only one of the original four Holy Days celebrated according to the Gregorian (solar) calendar, beginning January 1, 1968. True Father observed that if humankind's original parents had not fallen and had achieved perfection, they would have received God's blessing and that day would have been God's Day. As it was, True Parents had to restore and install each of the original Holy Days, representative of God's three blessings, over seven years following their Holy Wedding in 1960.

In 1996, True Father added the word "True" to God's Day and the other original Holy Days. In 2010, True

Father established the “Heavenly Calendar,” which displaced the Gregorian calendar in Unificationist observances and corresponded in most respects with the lunar calendar. As a result, from 2011, True God’s Day was no longer observed on January 1 but on the first day of the first month of the Heavenly Calendar (February 3 of that year). On January 7, 2013, True Mother announced that Unificationists should address God as “Heavenly Parent.” Thereafter, True God’s Day became “True Heavenly Parent Day.”

## January 1, 1975

### *Sekai Nippo* Established



*Sekai Nippo*, a Tokyo-based daily newspaper, began publication on January 1, 1975. Its name translates as “The World Daily,” and one of its main foci has been foreign news sent by overseas correspondents, many of whom also served as Unification movement missionaries. In 2004, *Sekai Nippo*, in cooperation with NewsStand Inc. of Austin, Texas, announced its availability as the first Japanese newspaper offered in a digital format that maintained the exact layout of

the print edition. It continues as one of the Unification movement's constellations of news outlets.

## January 2, 1984

### The Day of Victory of Love



The Day of Victory of Love, observed on January 2, commemorates the passing of Heung Jin

Moon, True Parents' second son. He was critically injured in a car accident north of Poughkeepsie, New York, on December 22, 1983, while returning with two companions to East Garden in Tarrytown, New York from the Unification Theological Seminary in Redhook, New York. Though seriously injured, his two friends survived because, according to their testimony, Heung Jin Moon swerved the car at the last moment to take the brunt of the impact himself and save them. He suffered massive head injuries and lingered in a coma for ten days before ascending at 1:15 a.m. on January 2, 1984. He was seventeen. By all accounts, he was an exemplary son. True Father described him as "the most exemplary, obedient son, with the greatest piety ... the most comforting son to Mother and me."

True Parents were out of the country at the time of the accident, conducting a series of Victory over Communism rallies in Korea. A number of spiritualists had communicated to them that December 1983 was

a “very dangerous time” and that True Father “must absolutely be careful.” True Father later testified that at the last rally in Kwangju, a left-leaning city with a reputation for rebelliousness, 36 terrorists were prepared to attack but were prevented from doing so because “the auditorium was already completely packed by the time they arrived.” During True Father’s speech in Kwangju, Heung Jin Moon’s accident occurred. According to True Father, “Satan lost his condition to attack me and then turned his attention to the next best, my second son.”

Having laid down his life for his friends and standing as a substitute for his father, Heung Jin Moon occupied what True Father described as “the position of the living Jesus in the Unification Church.” While Heung Jin Moon lay in a coma, True Parents conducted a ceremony in the hospital chapel in which, on the foundation of Heung Jin Moon’s “precious sacrifice,” they called for the unity of Judaism, Christianity and the Unification Church; the unity of Korea, Japan and the United States; the unification of True Parents and their family and the members of the Unification Church, as well as all races of the world. After Heung Jin Moon’s ascension, True Parents established the Day of Victory of Love.

The Day of Victory of Love found a permanent liturgical expression in the church’s tradition of Seonghwa (“ascension and harmony”) ceremonies, which True Parents established after Heung Jin Moon’s own ascension. Unlike traditional funerals, these ceremonies were not to be gloomy or sad but “beautiful, enlightening and joyful,” using bright or light colors. True Father explained:

“In the secular world, death signifies the end of life. However, in our world, death is like a rebirth or a new birth into another world. Particularly those who give their life for the purpose of the Kingdom of Heaven and for the sake of the movement are special heroes.

For that reason, we must not make those occasions gloomy or sad or feel discouraged. ... If we here on earth become very mournful and gloomy, it is like pulling the person who is going up to the heavens down to the ground. This is a birth from the second universal mother's womb into another world, just like when a baby emerges from its first mother's womb.

A Seonghwa ceremony is actually comparable to a wedding, when men and women get married. It's not a sorrowful occasion at all. It's like an insect coming out of its cocoon, getting rid of a shackle and becoming a new body and a new existence, a new entity. That's exactly the same kind of process.

In our way of life and tradition, spirit world and physical world are one, and by our living up to that kind of ideal, we bring the two worlds together into one.”

## **January 4, 1959**

**Dr. Young Oon Kim begins the American mission**



Dr. Young Oon Kim was  
the first Unification



*Dr. Young Oon Kim (right)  
with early missionaries.*

Church missionary to America. A former professor at Ewha Womans University in Seoul, Miss Kim had done postgraduate work at the University of

Toronto and attended international Christian conferences in Germany and Switzerland. She later wrote: "As soon as I discovered the universal value of the Divine Principles and the heavenly dispensation, I began to be concerned with the people of the Western world with whom I had established a cultural bond. Not only did I feel this, but in the rest of the membership there was no one else at that time who could undertake the job of bringing the Principle to the West."

Miss Kim arrived in Eugene, Oregon, where she had been accepted as a student, in the midst of a raging snowstorm on January 4, 1959. She immediately began witnessing and took up residence in Oakhill, a rural settlement, with several of her most promising contacts. There she worked on an English translation of the Principle, raised members and established patterns of community life until late 1960, when she migrated, along with five Oakhill members, several hundred miles down the coast to San Francisco. In the Bay Area she completed her English translation of the Principle, incorporated the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC), and expanded her group, then known as the Unified Family. In 1965, she relocated to Washington, D.C., where she directed a fluctuating network of centers throughout the United States and

Western Europe until 1972.

## January 4, 1972

### True Father Plans His Inaugural Speaking Tour

On January 4, 1972, at a joint meeting of East and West Coast Korean missionaries to the United States in Washington, D.C., True Father implemented plans to launch his first-ever speaking tour. The



“Day of Hope” speaking tour became the major focus of True Parents’ third world tour. During True Father’s first world tour in 1965, he blessed Holy Grounds in 40 countries. During True Parents’ second world tour, they blessed 43 couples worldwide. During their third world tour in 1972, True Father began a new phase in his public ministry, as he had not spoken publicly in either Korea or Japan.

The first Day of Hope tour began on February 3, 1972, at Alice Tully Hall, a concert hall that is part of New York’s Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and included stops in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles and Berkeley, California.

## January 6, 1976

### Internal Revenue Service Begins Audit of the

## Unification Church



On January 6, 1976, Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) wrote a letter to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) commissioner stating that an audit of the Unification Church was needed.

Within days, the IRS began what Carleton Sherwood, in his book *Inquisition, The Persecution and Prosecution of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon* (Regnery Gateway, 1991), termed “the most intensive and expensive criminal tax investigation of any religious figure in U.S. history.” A squad of IRS agents took up permanent offices in the Unification Church’s downtown New York headquarters, while a team of field agents began round-the-clock surveillance of selected church members and their telephones. In 1978, after two years of investigations, the IRS was unable to find anything that compromised the church’s tax exempt status but turned over to the New York District Attorney’s Office “certain anomalies” in Rev. Moon’s tax returns for the years 1973-75. This eventually led to the indictment of True Father.

# January 7, 2013

## God as "Heavenly Parent"

On January 7, 2013, True Mother announced that Unificationists should henceforth address God as “Heavenly Parent.” She made the announcement at a Leader’s Conference in Korea, stating that earlier ways of addressing God, such as “Yahweh” during the Old Testament period and “Heavenly Father” during the New Testament period, were now superseded as True Parents have completed providential history.

Unificationists have long understood the Holy Spirit to be the feminine aspect of God and *Exposition of the Divine Principle*, FFWPU’s core theological text, describes God as “the subject partner” with “the dual characteristics of yang and yin in perfect harmony.” The text also refers to God as “the harmonious union of masculinity and femininity.” The text’s doctrine of creation states that being created male and female is what it means to be created in God’s image and Unification Christology references True Parents as the horizontal manifestation of God as the “vertical True Parent.” “Heavenly Parent” has since become the most widely accepted way of addressing God within the Unification tradition.

# January 8, 2012

## True Father Begins Cosmic Assemblies for the Settlement of the True Parents





From January 8 to 15, 2012, True Father conducted rallies in eight Korean cities in which he proclaimed the conclusion and fulfillment of the providence of restoration during True Parents' lifetime. He stated, "The path taken by the True Parents shall serve as a tradition and historic example" and asked that all "model your life course on this path, become families that pledge to inherit and fulfill the will of God that True Parents have already accomplished, and be true to this pledge."

His **speech** included the topics the Three Stages of Life, the Seonghwa Ascension Ceremony, One Family under God, the Mission of the Korean People, the Path Humankind Should Take, his Final Words for Humankind, the Proclamation of the Era of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and the Advent of the Era of the New Substantial Image.

## January 9, 2009

### Kazakhstan Imprisons Unificationist Missionary



Elizaveta Drenicheva (28) was jailed in Almaty, the second capitol of Kazakhstan on January 9, 2009. She was

sentenced to no less than two years behind bars in a District prison. Drenicheva, a Russian citizen, joined the Unification Church in 1995 and started her missionary work in Kazakhstan in 2006. On July 2nd, 2008 at 6 am KGB officers broke into the building of the Unification Peace Embassy to conduct a random search. They took away literature and computers. Drenicheva was arrested. Other members were asked not to leave the country.

After two days Elizaveta was released and made to sign a written pledge not to leave the country. On October 24 legal proceedings got underway. She was accused under article 164 part 2 of the Criminal Code for “having violated the peace and security of humanity!” Her offense was that she gathered four people for a seminar and over a course of four days she taught to her audience the Unification Principles. An agent of the KGB under authorization of the office of prosecutor, infiltrated the seminar. He reported, “The materials presented “contain a) propaganda demeaning persons for signs of their ethnic affinity; and b) propaganda demeaning persons for signs of their class affinity. Moreover it shows signs of harmful effects on individual, family, society, and likewise the moral integrity of the state.”

Kazakhstan was heavily rebuked by various human rights defenders and NGOs for restrictive measures on religious communities. As a consequence of international pressure, Drenicheva was freed March 10, 2009.

**January 10, 1959**



The First National Missionary Training Workshop, a forty-day Divine Principle workshop to raise missionaries, was held January 10–February 20, 1959. The workshop occurred in the former headquarters church in the Cheongpa-dong district of Seoul. The training program to obtain skills needed to become missionaries attracted 207 persons. True Father offered Heaven a prayer, saying, “Please allow the participants here to feel God’s heart during this time.” Missionary Training Workshops continued until the 18th workshop. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)

## January 10, 1966

### Establishment of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP)

The Collegiate  
Association for  
the Research of



Principles was  
established



inside the main hall of the church headquarters in Cheongpa-dong, Seoul, on January 10, 1966. CARP members from 26 universities in various countries participated in this event. Here, Father said, “Our mission is to unify the democratic side and communistic side,” and that one member of CARP with a college degree or higher should be placed in each of the 2,400 villages in Korea. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)

## January 10, 1993

### True Father Proclaims the Completed Testament Age

On August 24, 1992, at the first World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) and on the foundation of the Cold War’s end, True Father declared that he and True Mother



After proclaiming the Completed Testament Age on January 10, True Parents toured the nation and spoke on this theme.

“are the True Parents of all humanity ... the Savior, the Lord of the Second Advent, the Messiah.”

It was hard to imagine how True Father could proclaim anything more dramatic than that. However, he may have succeeded in doing so by proclaiming

the beginning of a whole new historical epoch. In a speech, “The Reappearance of the Second Coming and the Completed Testament Era,” delivered at Belvedere International Training Center, Tarrytown, New York, on January 10, 1993, True Father announced “the transition today to the Completed Testament Era.” Details as to the precise nature of the new epoch were as yet sketchy, but it was understood to involve a fundamental shift in the order of salvation. As one church leader explained, “Previously, religious organizations have always been centered upon the salvation of the individual, but we have now progressed to the salvation of the family.”

The implications of this were momentous. Essentially it signaled a radical new beginning for Unificationism and rendered all previous religious expressions, including that of the Unification Church, obsolete. Within a few years, the church began to reconfigure itself as a “Family Federation,” developed theological concepts and terminology reflective of the shift, and launched efforts to realize a restored and purified Garden of Eden. The gateway to the Completed Testament Age (CTA) was the Blessing, which extended far beyond the Unificationist community during the 1990s.

The immediate concern was to proclaim the message of the new age. On April 10, 1993, the statement “True Parents and the Completed Testament Age” was published in the newspapers of 160 nations. Then, in May 1993, True Parents began a tour of thirty-three U.S. cities under the same theme. True Mother spoke on Capitol Hill and in the United Nations, which served as a springboard to proclaiming the CTA message worldwide.

## January 11, 1989

### Second Generation 72-Couple Holy Blessing



Seventy-two couples made up of Unificationist-born individuals received the Blessing in Holy Marriage in January 1989. In addition to the Blessing of the 36 Unificationist-born couples three years earlier, the victory of this Blessing, according to Father Moon, can be likened to the complete restoration of the 12 apostles and 72 disciples at the time of Jesus.

## January 12, 1989

### 1,275 Couple Holy Blessing

True Parents  
blessed 1,275  
couples from 87  
nations in holy  
matrimony on  
January 12,  
1989. The



*1,275 couples received the Holy Marriage Blessing.*

ceremony was conducted beginning at 2 p.m. in the Il Hwa Company compound in Yongin, Korea. It followed by one day True Parents' Holy Marriage Blessing of 72 Unificationist-born couples at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center in Seoul. After the ceremony, representatives of the couples were mobilized into forty-three groups of ten each and spread out across Korea to support witnessing activities and, later, the distribution of the *Segye Ilbo* newspaper.

## January 13, 1968

### Founding of the International Federation for Victory over Communism



The International Federation for Victory over Communism was founded in the

former headquarters church in the Yongsan district of Seoul on January 13, 1968.

The Victory over Communism movement started in 1965, and many small anti-communist enlightenment groups were formed in Korea's eight provinces. The International Federation for Victory over Communism registered with the Ministry of Culture and Public Information (number 164). Mr. Kim In-cheol was the first chairman. True Father said, "We need an ideological organization based on the results that we can show to the world," when explaining the

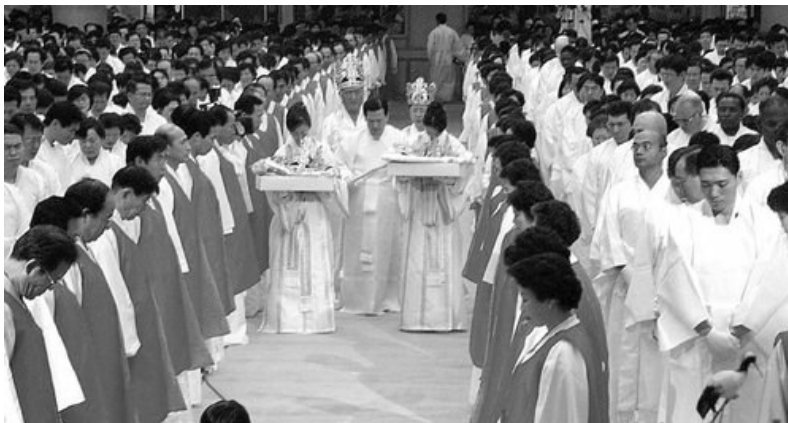
significance of the founding of the International Federation for Victory over Communism. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)

## January 13, 2001

### Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God



Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon cut a cake at the Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship, January 13, 2001, Cheong Pyeong, Korea.



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Rev. Sun Myung Moon—called and known by many as True Father—conducted the Coronation of God's Kingship Ceremony on January 13, 2001 in Korea.

There is nothing more fundamental to Unification tradition and central to True Parents' and members' core motivation than the desire to liberate the suffering heart of God. According to True Father, the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, conducted on January 13, 2001, "liberated God's heart for the first time." He described it as "the greatest day of celebration in all human history." As a result, God "could start His new history based on the might and power of true love." The Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God was a crucial building block for True Parents' declaration of Cheon Il Guk ("the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity") on November 15, 2001, and subsequent church activities.

Some 6,000 Unificationists witnessed the ceremony in the main hall of the Cheonseong Wanglim ("Palace of Heavenly Presence") at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center in Korea. At the top of a tiered stage area, two white thrones were prepared for the "Royal Parents of Heaven and Earth." At 7:00 a.m. True Parents entered, flanked by 120 attendant couples. The procession stopped twice, at which time True Father offered prayers. True Parents then placed silver crowns, royal gowns and a scepter on the chairs reserved for God. True Parents lit holy candles and offered bows. A lengthy succession of representatives approached and offered bows. True Father then offered a third prayer. This was followed by congratulatory telegrams, plaques and gifts; a flower presentation; cutting of a celebration cake; cheers of Mansei ("ten thousand years"); and sharing of food from the offering table.

True Father's Coronation Ceremony Address

concluded the three-hour event. In it, he outlined the three “immutable laws” or “articles” of the “constitution of the Kingdom of Heaven”: first, not to “stain the blood lineage,” that is, to maintain sexual purity; second, “not to violate human rights” through discrimination and not to change subordinates’ positions (hiring, firing or transferring them) according to one’s own desire; and third, “not to steal public money” or utilize public property for oneself.

## **January 14, 1975**

### **Global IOWC Team Departs for Japan**



True Father meets global missionaries before they depart to countries around the world.

True Parents long considered the United States to be the gateway to the world. In early 1975, the Church launched activities worldwide based upon its successes in America. The initial step was the creation of a global International One World Crusade (IOWC) team. On January 14, the first global team, which included some 340 American and European members, boarded a chartered jumbo jet in Los Angeles for Tokyo. There they joined forces with an

even larger contingent of Japanese members to evangelize and hold Day of Hope rallies in Tokyo, Sendai, Osaka, Nagoya, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Fukuoka.

After spending nearly 80 days in Japan, a 500 member-plus global team traveled by ferry to Pusan, South Korea, on March 27. There, from April 1 until May 17, they supported the massively attended Day of Hope festivals in Pusan, Taegu, Seoul, Inchon, Jeonju, Kwangju, Taejon, Cheongju and Chuncheon. These rallies culminated in the World Rally for Korean Freedom held at Yoido Island plaza in Seoul before an estimated crowd of more than a million on June 7, 1975.

## **January 15, 2006**

### **Ascension of Mrs. Won Bok Choi**

Mrs. Won Bok Choi, who fulfilled multiple providential responsibilities in the early history of the Unification Church, ascended at age 91 on January 15, 2006. Mrs. Choi was an associate



Mrs. Won Pak Choi.

professor and dean of students at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Ewha Womans University when she joined the church in 1954. She and four other professors were fired when they refused to leave the church.

Prior to True Parents' Holy Wedding in 1960, Mrs. Choi was assigned to prepare True Mother, and she continued to serve in a mother's role afterward. She accompanied True Parents on their first three world tours and had major responsibility for the first official translation of Divine Principle into English in 1973. Mrs. Choi was director of the World Mission Department from 1972 to 1977 during the period when the Unification Church sent missionaries worldwide, and she handled all correspondence from them as True Father's secretary. She also often translated for True Father during that period. She served as the principal of the Little Angels School after 1977 and the first president of the Women's Federation for World Peace. In 1998, she was blessed to Buddha at Madison Square Garden in New York. At her ascension, True Father bestowed upon her the honorific title *Shin Ae Choongmo*: "Mother of faith, love and devotion."

On January 17, 1974, the San Francisco Day of Hope banquet attracted more than 500 guests to Benjamin Swig's Fairmont Hotel. In Berkeley, where True Father spoke at Zellerbach Auditorium on the University of California campus, *The Daily Californian* reported, "Rev. Moon's followers have waged one of the neatest and best-run publicity campaigns seen here in years." In San Jose, January 17-24, 1974, was proclaimed

“Hope and Unification Week,” while in Oakland, Mayor John H. Reading proclaimed the period from January 21-24, 1974, as “Day of Hope Days.” Single days of “Hope and Unification” were proclaimed in Berkeley and Hayward, and on January 21, 1974, Rev. Moon was awarded the key to the city of Berkeley by Mayor Warren Widener.

## January 17, 1990

### UTS Obtains Absolute Charter



*David S.C. Kim with Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Unification Theological Seminary.*

Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) was granted its absolute charter by the New York State Board of Regents on January 17, 1990.

This was the culmination of a fifteen-year struggle with the State of New York since

the seminary's first application. Because of the controversy surrounding the church, the application process was prolonged and UTS was denied in 1978.

UTS took the matter to court, claiming discrimination and unfair treatment, narrowly losing a 4-3 decision of the New York State Court of Appeals in 1981.

Reapplication for the charter was made in April 1984.

On November 21, 1986, the New York State Board of Regents approved by a 12-2 vote the seminary's provisional charter. UTS petitioned for its absolute charter in May 1989, and this was granted eight

months later by a 14-0 vote. Since 1986, UTS was able to grant degrees to its graduates so long as the state approved. From 1990, UTS was able to grant degrees unconditionally.



An aerial view of UTS.

## **January 17, 1999**

### **Global Expansion of True Families Speaking Tour**

The Global Expansion of True Families speaking tour was held on January 17, 1999, in the Olympic Park Weight Lifting Stadium in Seoul. In his speech True Father emphasized, “True love is the beginning point of creation, and we must fulfill true families centered around true love.” The speaking tour, which covered eight cities around Korea, continued until January 25, and the tour was completed successfully with 80,000 participants in total. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)

## **January 18, 1951**

### **“The Saddest Day”**

There have been many  
“saddest days” in God’s  
providence. During  
morning devotions in



*Refugees from North Korea.*

2012, True Father referred to one of his early sermons, “Hometown We Miss,” in which he spoke about his life in Heung Nam labor camp in North Korea and his journey to the South. He said then, “January 18 ... is the saddest day for me.” He explained that he had offered great devotion to his followers in North Korea “in front of Heaven ... but all of them betrayed me.” True Father recalled that he “wrote a long letter expressing heavenly love and tried to get in contact with them three times” following his release, “but they returned my third letter to me.” True Father left North Korea carrying that letter with him. He carried it until he crossed a bridge in Yeongcheon City in Gyeongsang Province in the southeast part of the Korean Peninsula. There he tore up the letter after having read it again and proceeded to Pusan where he restarted his mission in the South.

## **January 18, 2015**

### **Rev. Reiner Vincenz’s Ascension**



Rev. Reiner Vincenz, one  
of the Unification  
movement’s most



respected and beloved

elders, ascended to the

spirit world on Sunday, January 18, 2015. Born in East Germany, Rev. Vincenz escaped to West Germany at age 17. He was the first person to join the Unification Church in Europe, joining under Peter Koch in 1963. He became the first missionary to France and served as its national leader until 1972, when True Father called him to the United States.

Rev. Vincenz led European and international members of the International One World Crusade (IOWC), which supported True Father's Day of Hope campaigns in the United States, Japan and Korea. True Father selected Rev. Vincenz to lead the Yeouido rally campaign, which brought more than one million attendees to the rally at Seoul's Yeouido Island Plaza in 1975.

After returning to the United States, he was put in charge of the New Yorker hotel's restoration and was made one of the leaders responsible for the Washington Monument rally. Rev. Vincenz returned to Germany as national leader in 1978, helped lead Home Church activities in the United Kingdom, and served as True Parents' ambassador to ten South American countries in 1988. In the latter years of his life he worked in business and fundraising efforts to support world missions.

His personal motto, "Marching On," well described his public life. Rev. Vincenz was blessed to Barbara Koch as part of the 43 Couple Blessing in 1969. Their daughter, Leena, was blessed to Jario Gavin in 2007. Jario and Leena now share the surname "Vincenz-Gavin" to honor Rev. Vincenz's appreciation for the

value of lineage. True Mother directed that the movement conduct a National- and World-Level Seonghwa Ceremony after his passing.

## **January 19, 1995**

### **Cheongpyeong Providence Begins**

True Parents purchased the land which became the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center in the late 1960s. On July 12, 1971, Unificationists completed construction of the original service hall under True Father's direction. True Father mapped out his plan for expansion to the West on mountainsides and other locales surrounding Cheongpyeong Lake. The land also served as a holy ground and workshop site. What is termed the "Cheongpyeong Providence" or "Cheongpyeong Works" commenced on January 19, 1995, centered on the Spirit World Ministry of Soon Ae Hong (known as Dae Mo Nim or "Great Mother"), True Mother's mother, who ascended in 1989, and Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim, who served as her earthly embodiment.

On that day, Dae Mo Nim through Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim removed evil spirits from three Japanese members, marking the first of what would be hundreds of workshops that included not just "separation of spirits" but healing and the "liberation" of ancestors. Cheongpyeong today is the spiritual center of the Unification movement, residence of True Parents and capital of what Unificationists envision as Cheon Il Guk or the "Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity."

## January 21, 1970

### First Victory over Communism (VOC) Asian Rally

The first Victory over Communism Asian Rally was held in the afternoon of January 21, 1970, at the Seoul Citizens Hall. Hosted by the International Federation for Victory over Communism, this rally was held with success through the participation of more than six thousand anti-communist leaders from five nations. The main address was delivered by Vietnam War veterans Shin Jo Kim and Ik Poong Kim. True Father emphasized the importance of gaining victory over communism, saying that this Asian rally was a ceremony to usher in the 1970s. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)



## January 21, 1974

## Barrytown Property Purchased



Unification Theological  
Seminary



An aerial view of UTS.

The Unification Church purchased the former St. Joseph's Normal Institute, a novitiate and high school in Barrytown, New York, run by the Christian Brothers, a Roman Catholic lay order, on January 21, 1974. The purchase included 250 wooded acres bordering the Hudson River 90 miles north of New York City and the historic Massena House, a Hudson River mansion originally constructed in 1796, where 10-year-old Theodore Roosevelt spent the summer in 1868.

True Father had been searching locations up and down the Hudson River suitable for educational purposes. The Barrytown site met one of his criteria with mountains, water and woods all visible. True Father reportedly visited the site seventeen times before deciding on the purchase. The "Founder's Rock" marks the place where he decided.

The property initially served as a site for 3-, 7- and 21-day workshops. It later hosted 40-day and 120-day workshops for overseas missionaries and "Barrytown Pioneers." The Unification Theological Seminary, which now offers fully accredited master's and doctoral degree programs, opened its doors on September 20, 1975, and has graduated some 1,500 students. In recent years the Barrytown facility has hosted matching convocations, Blessing education

workshops, and sports festivals.

## January 22, 1976

### Unification Church in Paris bombed



On January 22, 1976, the Villa Aublet, a Unification church center in Paris, was bombed, leaving a young woman from Norway seriously injured. Persecution and bomb threats toward Unificationists in France began in 1975 and were fueled by the French media. During an intense time when France had signed the Schengen treaty that blocked True Parents from entering Europe for over three decades, the French media portrayed True Father satirically, as a monster and Nazi. This finally led to the bombing of the church center by a communist group. Other events followed, such as kidnappings and an increasing amount of bomb threats all across France, and the government did little to protect the persecuted Unificationists.

True Father gave Henri Blanchard, the national leader for the Unification church in France, instruction to organize a manifestation to protest the violence against the church. With the headline: “Accepterons– Nous la Violence et le Mensonge?” (“Are We Going to Accept Violence and Lies?”), Unificationists in France stood up for justice. The Paris City Hall was reluctant to give them a permit to protest, but in the end had no choice. The message of the protest was that the French people should not tolerate violence, and—as France prides itself in the words “freedom, equality and brotherhood”—these key values apply to Unificationists just like anyone else.

## **January 22 ~ March 8, 1995**

### **Japan/USA Sisterhood Ceremonies**



American and Japanese WFWP presidents, Mrs. Nora Spurgin and Mrs. Motoko Sugiyama, cross the “Bridge of Peace”

Between January 22 and March 8, 1995, 4,000 Japanese women traveled to Washington, D.C. to be paired with an equal number of American women in eight separate sisterhood ceremonies sponsored by the Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP).

These were set to coincide with the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. Each ceremony included a dramatic “bridge-crossing” during which a representative group of the Japanese delegates crossed over a special bridge, met their American counterparts in the middle where each bowed, embraced the other, and then walked down together, hand in hand.

Following the highly successful Washington, D.C. conferences, WFWP sponsored Japanese-American sisterhood ceremonies in eight U.S. cities during the remainder of 1995, with several thousand more women from both countries participating. In 1996, WFWP conducted a number of “African-American/Caucasian-American” ceremonies. Activities in America inspired Austrian-Croatian, Czech-German, Russian-German, Hungarian-Slovakian, and Italian-Slovakian sisterhood ceremonies conducted by WFWP chapters in Europe.

## **January 22, 2000**

### **America Honors True Father on His 80th Birthday**

More than 3,000 people from across the United States and more than 100 nations packed the ballroom of the Hilton Towers Hotel in Washington, D.C., for America’s celebration of True Father’s 80th birthday on January 22,



A celebration of True Father’s 80th birthday.

2000. Participants included former U.K. Prime Minister Edward Heath, Zambia's founding President Dr. Kenneth Kaunda, representatives from numerous U.S. universities, institutes and societies, state legislators, international scholars and government ministers as well as representatives from most of the world's major faiths.

The program included birthday greetings from Washington, D.C., Mayor Anthony A. Williams and a City Council resolution detailing True Father's contributions to the District of Columbia, the United States and the world, proclaiming "Live for the Sake of Others Day" in his honor. True Parents received large bouquets and cut a huge, 8-tiered cake, representing his 80 years and the eight stages of cosmic victory. True Father delivered a message, "The Path for America and Humanity in the Last Days," in which he explained the meaning of living for others, God's love and purpose for the United States, and challenged America to fulfill God's Will. Afterward Sir Edward Heath and Dr. Kenneth Kaunda were joined by U.S. state legislators and representatives of world peace organizations that True Father founded to present him with the "Peacemaker of the Millennium Award." Founding American Unificationists, together with current and former Unification Church presidents, honored True Father's investment in America with the "Forty Years Foundation Award."

## **January 23, 1991**

**21-Day Seminar for Soviet Students Starts in Hungary**

A 21-day Divine Principle workshop for 420 university students from the Soviet Union took place simultaneously in Budapest, Hungary, and Leningrad, USSR, from January 23 to February 10, 1991. This workshop was meant to impart a deeper understanding of Divine Principle to the students who had attended the 10-day introductory International Leadership Seminars in the United States during the summer of 1990.

After a fruitless search in the Soviet Union, Poland and Finland for workshop sites that would be free during the students' winter break, finally a friend of the Unification movement found the Hotel Ezuspart on Lake Ballaton in the resort town of Siofok, Hungary, 108 kilometers (about 67 miles) outside Budapest. Because not all the workshop participants could travel out of the Soviet Union on such short notice, a second workshop site was prepared in Leningrad. The staff for the workshop comprised 21 European national FFWPU leaders, 10 American Constitution Committee leaders and 10 students of Unification Theological Seminary.

## **January 26 ~ February 9, 1992**

### **CARP Holds Mass Workshops in the Former USSR**

From January 26 to February 9, 1992, The Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) held 27 workshops at 18 different workshop sites in the Crimea south of the Ukraine for 3,160 students. In

the spring, from March 20 to April 10, 1992, the first Divine Principle workshop for high school teachers and students from throughout the Commonwealth of Independent States shattered the previous workshop records with 7,229 participants. They filled 40 workshops at 23 workshop sites. That summer the largest series of Divine Principle workshops in Unification Church history educated 18,042 guests at 129 workshops held at 26 sites over a period of 8 weeks in 5 different regions of the country.

## January 27, 1951

### True Father and Won Pil Kim Arrive in Pusan



*South Koreans flee south after the North Korean army invades.*

After his release from Heungnam Labor Camp on October 14, 1950, True Father walked some 300 kilometers across the Korean Peninsula, arriving in Pyongyang ten days

later. He spent 40 days in Pyongyang, searching for former members of his congregation, and finally departed for the South on December 2, 1950, in advance of the Red Chinese army.

He was accompanied by his disciple Won Pil Kim and by Chong Hwa Pak, a follower from Heungnam Prison who was injured and had to be pushed on a bicycle. This began their nearly two-month trek to Pusan at the southernmost point of the peninsula. Abandoning refugee columns that were continually being

bombed, they traveled alternate routes, sometimes were set upon by vigilantes and were subject to all manner of deprivations. Hearing that Pusan was overflowing with refugees, Chong Hwa Pak, who had mostly recovered, stayed behind at a carpenter's house in the city of Gyeongju.

True Father and Won Pil Kim bought train tickets from there to Pusan, some 50 kilometers away. As there was no room in the passenger coaches, they rode up front, clinging to the front of the engine, the warmth of the steam engine on their backs and a biting winter wind freezing their faces during the final two hours of their journey. They arrived at Choryung Station in Pusan, cold and hungry, on January 27, 1951. From there, True Father restarted his ministry.

## January 27, 2001

### **World Peace Marriage Blessing held at the United Nations**



*True Parents conduct a World Peace Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony at the UN.*

At Assembly 2000, True Father called not only for the

establishment of a religious assembly or interreligious council at the United Nations but also for an official commemorative day to uphold the ideal of the family. The following year, on January 27, 2001, as part of the 7th World Culture and Sports Festival held jointly at the New York Hilton and UN Headquarters, True Father reinforced his proposal by conducting a “World Peace Marriage Blessing Ceremony” for 210 couples from 135 countries.

Each of them was dressed in traditional ethnic or national costumes in the UN assembly room. The couples took an oath to establish eternal families based on true love and pledged their commitment to world peace. Because the assembly room was totally filled, WCSF participants had to watch the event via closed-circuit TV in another room. At the Marriage Blessing’s conclusion, couples and conference participants received chocolate bars with the words “True Love” inscribed on them. Once the newly blessed couples left, the participants returned to the assembly room and the conference resumed.

Unfortunately, UN officials objected to the Marriage Blessing as a religious event and considered it a serious breach of the rules for the use of UN facilities. This, among other factors, led True Father to consider the necessity of inaugurating a complementary “Abel UN.”

## **January 28, 1965**

### **True Father Begins First World Tour**





*True Father at the Twin Peaks Holy Ground in San Francisco*

By the mid-1960s, work in Korea had solidified to the point that the Unification Church was ready to give serious attention to the world mission. The clearest indication of this was True Father's first world tour in 1965. The main purpose of the tour was to connect the foundation that had been established in Korea to the world. True Father commented:

*In 1965, I embarked on my first trip around the world. My suitcase was filled with soil and stones from Korea. My plan was that, as I traveled around the world, I would plant Korea's soil and stones in each country to signify Korea's linkage to the world. For ten months, I toured forty countries, including Japan, the United States, and the nations of Europe. ... When I returned to Seoul, my suitcase was full of soil and stones from 120 locations in forty countries. ... I connected Korea to these forty countries in this way to prepare for the day in the future when the world of peace would be realized.*

After spending two weeks in Japan, True Father stayed in the United States for nearly five months, from February 12 until July 1. He set up 55 Holy Grounds in all 48 continental United States. After a short trip to Canada and several South American

countries, True Father began the European portion of his tour. He then traveled to the more ancient lands of Egypt and the Middle East. While in Iran, True Father learned of the war between Pakistan and India. Avoiding Pakistan entirely, it was only after difficulty that his party got out of India and traveled to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam, which was full of American GIs. Then followed the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan and finally Japan on September 29, where after 12 days, on October 10, True Father returned to Korea, 260 days after his departure.

## **January 30, 1976**

### **Sunhwa Academy founded**



Sunhwa Academy was founded at 25-Beonji Neung-dong, Seongdong Borough, Seoul, on January 30, 1976. Thanks to the establishment of the school corporation, Sunhwa Academy, the Little Angels Arts School was able to gain a stable foundation for management. On February 8 of the next year, the first class of the Little Angels Arts School graduated, and its name was changed to Sunhwa Arts School on the 16th of the same month. Sunhwa Arts High School was established the following March 4, and forty

years later is a mecca of arts education. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)

## **January 30, 2015**

### **First UPF Asian Summit Is Held in the Philippines**



Four hundred participants from 28 nations took part in the first ever Asian Summit organized by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). The summit, titled “Toward Peace, Security and Human Development in the Asia Pacific Region,” was held in the Manila Hotel in Manila, Philippines, from Jan. 30 to Feb. 1, 2015.

The 400 participants included 121 foreign delegates. Philippine dignitaries included His Excellency Joseph Ejercito Estrada, the former president of the Philippines, currently the Manila City mayor. His Excellency Madhav K. Nepal, former prime minister of Nepal, gave the Keynote Address and was awarded the prestigious Leadership and Good Governance Award by UPF. Another highlight of the summit was the first-ever PEACE Awards for the media in the Philippines. The concept of the PEACE (People’s Empowerment for the Advancement of

Communities and Environment) Awards is to recognize media practitioners who have made exemplary contributions for the advancement of peace, community development and environmental protection. Awards were given to 16 winners in the four media categories of print, TV, radio and social media.

## **January 31, 1974**

### **True Father Invited to the Presidential Prayer Breakfast**



On January 31, 1974, True Father was invited to the Annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast. A post-breakfast rally at Lafayette Park brought out Edward and Tricia Nixon Cox, the son-in-law and daughter of 37th U.S. President Richard Nixon, who greeted well-wishers who rallied to “Forgive, Love and Unite” as an answer to the Watergate Crisis. On February 1, 1974, Rev. Moon had a twenty-minute audience with President Nixon, reportedly telling him, “Don’t knuckle under to pressure. Stand up for your convictions.”

# January 31, 2009

## True Father's 90th Birthday



True Father demonstrated extraordinary dedication and endurance on the occasion of his 90th birthday (and True Mother's 67th) on January 31, 2009 (lunar calendar), by conducting special Coronations for the Authority and Liberation of God, the King of Kings, both in Korea and the United States. Due to the time difference, True Father was able to deliver a birthday address, officiate at the Coronation ceremony, and be honored at a congratulatory banquet in Korea; then board a plane to New York to address world leaders at the 2009 World Summit on Peace, conduct the Coronation ceremony, and officiate at the Interreligious Cross Cultural Marriage Blessing Ceremony in New York, all on January 31. Congratulatory letters to True Father on his 90th birthday were sent by numerous former national leaders, including former U.K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone, and former U.S. President George H.W. Bush.

# January 31, 2009

## Holy Blessing Ceremony on the Occasion of True Parents' 90th Birthday



The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony was held in the Hammerstein in the Manhattan Center in New York City on the occasion of True Parents' 90th Birthday. This was the last Blessing officiated by Rev. Moon in the United States before his ascension in 2012.

## FEBRUARY

**February 1, 1945****True Father Released from His First Imprisonment**

True Father had been a student leader in Korean independence activities while studying in Japan from 1941 to 1943. He was interrogated numerous times and placed on a watch list. On returning to Korea, True Father took employment at the Kyeongsung branch of the Kashima Gumi Construction Company in Seoul's Yongsan District while continuing his religious and independence activities. In October 1944, Japanese police stormed into True Father's lodgings because one of his friends who had been arrested for being a communist had mentioned his name to interrogators.

Once arrested and incarcerated at the Gyeonggi Province Police Station, True Father was subjected to brutal torture in an unsuccessful effort to have him reveal names of people who had worked with him while in Japan. In *A Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, True Father details the several types of torture. Police broke all four legs of a table against his body, stomped on him "mercilessly with their spiked boots," beat him while he was being hung from the ceiling, and forced water down his esophagus. With the war winding down and unable to obtain information, the police released True Father on February 1, 1945. True Father noted, "My body did not recover easily from

the torture.”

## February 1, 1974

### True Father's Meeting with President Nixon



The “Watergate Crisis” gripped the United States following exposure of White House involvement with

a break-in at the Democratic Party’s campaign headquarters during the 1972 presidential election.

True Father was concerned that the crisis was weakening America in the face of communist aggression and issued an “Answer to Watergate” statement on November 30, 1973, which called upon Americans to “Forgive, Love and Unite.” True Father then launched a forty-day National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis (NPFWC). Unificationists conducted vigils, rallies, letter-writing and leafleting in all fifty states. At the National Christmas Tree lighting in Washington, D.C., in 1973, 1,200 pennant-waving, banner-carrying Unificationists from all over the country demonstrated in support of the president and garnered national attention.

President Richard Nixon emerged from the White House later that evening to personally thank the Unificationists who were holding a candlelight vigil across the street at Lafayette Square. True Father

subsequently was invited to the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast at the Washington Hilton Hotel on January 31, 1974. The next day, February 1, 1974, True Father had a twenty-minute meeting with President Nixon in the Oval Office of the White House. He reportedly told the president, “Don’t knuckle under to pressure. Stand up for your convictions.”

## February 1, 1989

### ***Segye Times Publishes Its First Edition***

In 1988, following South Korean President Roh Tae-woo’s declaration of greater freedom and the Seoul Olympics, the number of newspapers in Korea doubled.

True Father founded the *Segye* (“universal”) *Times*. He intended it to be the “window on the world” for the Korean people. According to True Father:



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*The last part of the 20th century is an age when the world is governed by the media. The power and responsibility of the media are becoming stronger than those of an atomic warhead or*

*any military might. Accordingly, when the media put forward sound arguments based on a consistently true viewpoint about values, the media will become the standard-bearers of world peace.*

Most of the established newspapers in South Korea increased their page numbers to make things difficult for the newly established papers. Due to the efforts of Unificationists, many from overseas, in newspaper distribution and the commitment of True Father, the *Segye Times* flourished. ROK President Kim Dae-jung participated in the paper's 10th anniversary celebration in 1999, saying, "I set a high value on the *Segye Times*' decade of efforts of capable journalism, and I hope it becomes prosperous as a worldwide newspaper, as its name implies." It has since become one of Korea's leading newspapers.

## February 1, 1990

### True Father's 70th Birthday Celebration

True Father's 70th birthday celebration was auspicious as it occurred when communism was crumbling. Ten years previously, in 1980, True



*True Father gives a speech about his 70 years of life.*

Father refused to celebrate his 60th birthday as communism was on the march, especially in Latin America. Instead, he founded CAUSA International and engaged in an all-out campaign during the 1980s to halt its spread. By 1990, the Berlin Wall was open and the Soviet

Empire was collapsing. True Father commented:

*I am well known around the world as a leader in the anticommunist and victory-over-communism movements. The purpose for which I conduct a movement for victory over communism is not to kill communists but to liberate them with truth and true love so that they may live. This is the reason I am working to help the communist world today and rescue it from its current distress. For that reason, I have been welcomed even in the Soviet Union and China. Even Kim Il Sung in North Korea cannot be my enemy.*

True Father celebrated his 70th birthday in the context of the Second Summit Council for World Peace and the Eighth International Conference of AULA (Association for the Unity of Latin America) held in Seoul. Twelve former heads of state and prime ministers, and 56 dignitaries including ambassadors, legislators, royalty and nobility from 20 nations, took part in a congratulatory banquet attended by 2,000 VIPs in all. In his banquet speech True Father said, “Never during my life did I even dream that someday when I lived to be seventy, there would be such a large banquet and so many distinguished guests would gather to congratulate me.”

Two months later, the 3rd Summit Council and the 9th AULA International Conference would convene in Moscow simultaneously with the 11th World Media Conference. There True Parents met Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. This paved the way for expanded activities of the Unification Church there and, as some contended, the re-establishment of diplomatic

relations between the Soviet Union (later the Commonwealth of Independent States) and the Republic of Korea.

## **February 1, 2015**

### **150,000 Receive Interfaith Peace Blessing in Philippines**



*The Interfaith Peace Blessing took place in the Philippines*

On Feb. 1, 2015, the largest Interfaith Peace Blessing in the Philippines was held at the Marikina Sports Complex in Marikina City in the eastern part of Manila. An estimated 150,000 people, garbed in white, came from all over Metro Manila and neighboring provinces. From as early as 9 in the morning, participants started to arrive for the Blessing and continued until around 3 in the afternoon. Sun Jin Moon, who delivered the Blessing Address on behalf of her parents, UPF Founders Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, said:

“All the couples in their white clothes! You look so noble and angelic. It feels as if we are in the true Garden of Eden: the garden of pure love and boundless joy!”

Distinguished leaders from the Philippines and other nations, in particular the delegates from the Asian Summit in Manila City that had just finished, took part in the historic event which had the theme “Strengthening the Families, Rebuilding the Nations, Creating a World of Lasting Peace.” Former Prime Minister of Nepal His Excellency Madhav K. Nepal delivered a congratulatory message. Five-time Speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives Honorable Jose De Venecia Jr. also delivered a very dynamic congratulatory message. He then encouraged Prime Minister Nepal to organize a large-scale Interfaith Peace Blessing event in Nepal, the nation where the highest peak of the world is located. Vice Mayor of Marikina City Honorable Jose Fabian Cadiz, representing Mayor Del De Guzman, welcomed all the participants. He expressed the full support of the Marikina City government for the noble activities being carried out by UPF around the world, especially in regard to the strengthening of marriages and families.

## **February 2, 1969**

### **True Parents Begin Second World Tour**

True Parents began the Second World Tour on February 2, 1969. It would take them to 21 nations over a three-month period until May 2. The First World Tour in 1965 had the purpose of blessing Holy Grounds worldwide. The Second World Tour had as its major purpose giving the Holy Marriage Blessing to overseas members. This included 13 American

couples, 8 couples in Germany and 22 couples in Japan, 43 couples in all. Their Blessing was connected with the 430 Couple Blessing in Korea the previous year.

In addition to the Blessing, American Unificationists learned of “Victory over Communism” and CARP activities in Korea and Japan as well as economic enterprises. This had the effect of broadening the scope of activity in the United States. The tour also broadened the mindset of Unificationists in Korea.

True Mother was pregnant during the tour and gave birth to Hyun Jin Moon on May 10, 1969, eight days after returning.

## **February 2, 2000**

### **True Father receives Lifetime Achievement Award**

Under the auspices of *The Washington Times*, numerous dignitaries, including U.S. Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert and Congressmen Henry Hyde, Danny Davis and A.C. Watts, joined 200 civic and political leaders to present True Father with a Lifetime Achievement Award for “Freedom, Faith and Family” on February 2, 2000. This followed the “America Honors Rev. Sun Myung Moon on his 80th Birthday” celebration on January 22, which was attended by numerous religious leaders.

Unificationists understood that the two events “restored” the rejection and crucifixion of Jesus 2,000 years earlier by religious and secular leaders.

In his speech “[The Cosmos Is Our Hometown and Our](#)

**Fatherland,**” True Father said, “Our fatherland is wherever God can be found.” He further stated: “We no longer live in an age dominated by nationalism, or even in an age of globalism. These have already passed. National purpose and global concerns still exist, of course, but we now live in an age when the universe is to be united with one God.” Heaven and earth, he said, “should become a ‘house’ of true love.” Planet Earth, he concluded, “is the hometown of all humankind, and the spirit world is the eternal fatherland where all humanity will eventually arrive.”

## February 3, 1972

### 7-City Day of Hope Speaking Tour Begins



True Father beaming at the podium during a Day of Hope tour stop.

True Parents began their Third World Tour on December 5, 1971, visiting 15 countries in 156 days, returning to Korea on May 8, 1972. The main purpose of the Third World Tour was to initiate the public declaration of True Parents’ teachings.

During a training program for American Unificationists from December 31, 1971, to January 3, 1972, True Father made known his intention of holding “revival meetings” in seven major cities: New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, San Francisco and Berkeley. Both East and West Coast centers were to select members, 72 in all, who were to come to New York for a two-week training session. From there, they would travel from

city to city to hold the revival meetings.

True Father rented the Alice Tully Hall in New York City's Lincoln Center for three nights (February 3, 4 and 6, 1972) and charged the local center with making plans for the first of the seven revival meetings. By January 8, the New York center had chosen its theme, "The Day of Hope: The Day of the True Family," and designed what would be the tour's official poster. On January 14, the 72 pioneers arrived. For nearly three weeks, they hit the mid-winter streets of New York, selling revival tickets at \$6.00 each (\$18.00 for three nights) to hear an unknown evangelist. True Father's topics were "One God, One World Religion," "Ideal World for God and Man" and "The New Messiah and the Formula of God in History."

The tour was a constant battle against anonymity and, in the Eastern cities, against the elements. In New York City bitter weather limited attendance to between 350 and 450 people for the three nights, even though many more tickets had been sold. In Washington, a blizzard not only hindered the turnout but stranded pioneers in Frederick, Maryland. Nonetheless, by Berkeley, each night was a full house. The initial 7-city Day of Hope Tour was followed by 21-, 32- and 8-city tours, culminating in True Father's New York speech in 1974 when as many as thirty-five thousand ticket-holders were turned away from the already filled-to-capacity Madison Square Garden. Barely thirty-two months after his initial Lincoln Center speeches, True Father had become a household name in America.

## February 4, 1969

### True Father's Second World Tour stop in USA

Accompanied by True Mother, Mr. Eu (then president of HSA-UWC, Korea) and Mr. Kuboki (then president of HSA-UWC, Japan), True Father arrived at San Francisco International Airport on February 4, 1969 and at Washington FFWPU headquarters on February 9th. True Father spent the next 39 days in the United States during his second world tour in February and March, 1969. It was during this stay that the attending American Unificationists heard of anti-Communist and student activities of the Korean and Japanese Unificationists, as well as Mr. Eu's Divine Principle lectures, for the first time. In addition, True Father's tour of machine shops in New York City raised Unificationist members' consciousness with regard to economic enterprises.

## February 4, 2017

### True Mother Revives ICUS



True Father launched the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS) in 1972. For nearly thirty years, annual conferences in great world cities brought together eminent

scientists, including Nobel laureates, in sessions focused on absolute values and cross-disciplinary unity. From 2000-2016, True Parents turned their attention to other pressing matters of world conflict and suffering. However, those years witnessed a steep rise in threats to humanity's future from pollution and the destruction of the environment. In 2017, True Mother revived ICUS, calling upon scientists to address environmental concerns.

ICUS XXIII convened at the Lotte World Hotel in Seoul on February 4-5, 2017 under the theme, "Earth's Environmental Crisis and the Role of Science." In her remarks to scientists, True Mother stated,

When God created the cosmos he set up the principle of circulation, so it would last for eternity. However, because of the humankind's mistakes, our beautiful earth is sick ... If we would have followed the direction God established at the Creation—the principle of circulation—no pollution would have developed. In many ways scientific civilization caused much pollution. This is the reason I am reviving ICUS. We have to stop the threats that endanger human life and the survival of the planet.



## February 5, 2003

### Cheongshim International Hospital Dedication



*True Mother speaking at the hospital dedication ceremony*

A ceremony was held to offer Cheongshim International Hospital to Heaven on February 5,

2003. The construction began in September 2000 and was finished after two years and five months.

True Parents bestowed on the hospital the motto “Perfection of unification with heavenly character is possible through united mind and spirit.” In her congratulatory remarks, True Mother said, “The Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center and the Cheongshim International Hospital are the homeland for the hearts of Unification families around the world.” Located in a beautiful mountain landscape, Cheongshim International Hospital serves its patients with both Western and Oriental medicine and the most up-to-date equipment. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)

## February 6, 2003

**Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony for the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening the Gate of Cheon Il Guk**



*The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony for the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening the Gate of Cheon Il Guk*

True Father proclaimed *Cheon Il Guk* (“the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity”) on November 15, 2001. This was the Unificationist equivalent of the Kingdom of Heaven and the culmination of his ministry. In 1993, he had announced the transition to the Completed Testament Era, which was understood to mark a shift in the order of salvation from the individual to the family. *Cheon Il Guk* advanced beyond the family to the creation of a heavenly nation. For the next twelve years, True Parents set numerous conditions for the establishment of *Cheon Il Guk*.

One of the most important of these was the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony for the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening the Gate of *Cheon Il Guk* on February 6, 2003. Its centerpiece was the marriage of True Parents on the foundation of *Cheon Il Guk*. Their Blessing was to supersede church-level and national-level Blessings. It was followed by the “Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families” to substantiate the original Heavenly Kingship. Both ceremonies were conducted at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center before more than 10,000 guests including 200 dignitaries from the

World Summit on Leadership and Governance.

Brazilian soccer legend Pele presented True Parents with a specially engraved plaque.

## **February 7, 1999**

### **Holy Blessing of 360 Million Couples**



True Parents Bless 360 million couples in marriage.

True Parents blessed couples on a mass level during the 1990s. This was referred to as the “globalization” of the Holy Marriage Blessing and focused largely on previously married couples. Unificationists worldwide conducted marriage rededications, which then were sanctified by True Parents at International Marriage Blessings broadcast globally by satellite.

On February 7, 1999, True Parents conducted the largest Blessing to date for 360 million couples. The main venue was Seoul Olympic Stadium which was packed with 100,000 participants, many of whom had been brought by 3,000 buses. Although conducted in mid-winter, the weather cooperated and conditions on the day of the ceremony were quite good. What was known as “Blessing 99” penetrated

Korean society more powerfully than previous ceremonies, in part due to Korean President Kim Dae-jung's presence at the *Segye Times*' 10th anniversary six days prior to the event. He shared the podium with True Parents and participated in an anniversary cake cutting.

Gen. Alexander Haig, former U.S. secretary of state under Ronald Reagan and White House chief of staff under Richard Nixon, participated in a conference preceding the Blessing and provided another focal point. In an introduction to True Father, Gen. Haig described how their lives first intersected during the Korean War, praised True Father for his conciliatory approach to President Nixon during the Watergate Crisis, and again praised him for his role in the downfall of communism. At a well-attended press briefing, Gen. Haig said opposing the values espoused at the conference "would be like being against motherhood."



40,000 couples were present for the 360 Million Couples' Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony in Seoul Stadium in Korea on February 7, 1999. Participants around the world participated via satellite.

## **February 8, 1975**

### **1,800 Couple Holy Marriage Blessing**



True Parents bless 1800 couples in marriage.

True Parents blessed 1,800 couples (technically, 1801) in what the Guinness Book of World Records then recorded as the largest mass wedding in history on February 8, 1975. The ceremony, conducted in Seoul's Jangchung Gymnasium, brought together couples from 25 nations, including 891 couples from Korea, 797 from Japan, 76 from the United States, 35 from European countries and two from the Republic of China. Over 10,000 guests witnessed the event, after which couples boarded ninety-four sightseeing buses for a parade through the streets of Seoul.

True Parents blessed the 1,800 Couples 14 years after their Holy Marriage Blessing in 1960. It closed out the second 7-year or national-level course and opened the way to the Unification Church's international work. Some 300 members from the 1,800 Couples went out to 123 nations as foreign missionaries, pioneering the worldwide providence. True Father noted that 1,800 represents three times six, equaling eighteen or "the complete subjugation of the satanic number 6." The 1,800 Couples, he said, "represent all humankind." Upon their Blessing, he declared, "we enter the age to embrace the world." This year marks the 40th anniversary of the 1,800 Couple Blessing.

## February 10, 1970

### Central Training Center founded



The Central Training Center was founded in Sutaek-ri, Guri city, Gyeonggi Province, on February 10, 1970.

The “A” building was completed twenty-eight days after construction began. True Parents named the facility the HSA-UWC Central Training Center.

Countless Unification Movement members and non-member leaders have been educated at this site, and it is still serving as one of the Family Federation’s most important educational facilities. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)

## February 10, 1978

### First Victory over Communism Rally





The first Victory over Communism (VOC) rally was held in Suwon Hall in Seoul on February 10, 1978. With 134 foreign participants and over a thousand citizen-guests, the rally was successful. Dr. Sang Hun Lee, author of the VOC text, explained the significance of the rally, which was held to make a resolution to protect the Republic of Korea, one of the most ardently anti-communist countries in the world. Korean President Park Chung-hee and U.S. President Jimmy Carter sent congratulatory messages. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)

## February 10, 2008

### Toru Goto Freed from Captivity



Mr. Toru Goto, the world's best-known survivor of

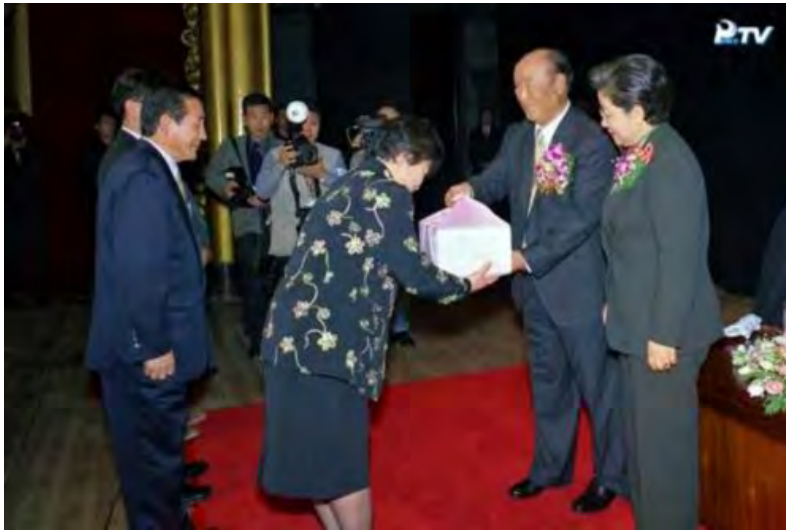
coercive conversion in Japan, was freed from incarceration in a Tokyo apartment on February 10, 2008, after twelve years of confinement by family members. After three hunger strikes and “slow starvation” imposed on him for failing to acknowledge “issues” of the Unification Movement, his family ordered him out of the apartment due to fear that he would carry out another hunger strike and starve to death. Mr. Goto had no money and was physically debilitated.

Barely able to walk and wearing a light sweater, he feared he would freeze to death before morning. Fortunately, after being refused help at a police station, he encountered a Unificationist who helped him get to church headquarters. Around midnight he was taken to Isshin Hospital, where he was diagnosed as suffering from severe malnutrition as well as generalized muscular weakness, muscular atrophy, and anemia. He finally was discharged from the hospital on March 31.

He later noted, “I was continuously confined in a small room from the time I was 31 years old until I was 44 years old [12 years and 5 months]. They deprived me of not only my freedom of religion, freedom of marriage, freedom of choice in employment, freedom of movement and freedom of vote, but they denied and violated my human dignity. They spoiled my precious life. I continued to endure criticism, smear and defamation which degraded my humanity, and also physical violence in the confinement room. I endured forced starvation, while I was continuously pressured to withdraw from the church.”

# February 11, 2000

## Ceremony Commemorating Publication of *The Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon*



The publication of *The Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon* was marked by a ceremony on February 11, 2000, in the Little Angels Performance Hall that was attended by 1,500 people. The ceremony occurred on the occasion of the publication of the 300th volume of True Parents' sermons. Hangeul Foundation Chair Han Gab-su and Korean Publishers Association President Na Chun-ho gave congratulatory remarks. True Parents donated the books to the National Assembly Library, the Gangnam Library and the University Library. To date, more than 600 volumes have been published. Other collections of their messages, such as *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* and *Cham Bum Gyeong*, have been published based on this collection of sermons. (Courtesy of History Compilation Committee)

# February 12, 1965

## Heaven G. Burger dedicated



During 1970s speaking tours and afterwards, True Parents discovered the American hamburger. In his autobiography, *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* (2009), True Father wrote,

The meal I enjoy the most in America is McDonald's. Some people call it junk food and don't eat it, but I like eating at McDonald's for two reasons. It's cheap and it saves time ... The message I give members every year is spend money carefully and conserve on everything... I want them to have the consciousness of conserving in order to help the country and save humanity. (336-37)



According to Sun Jin Moon, "For True Father, who was always on the go, the hamburger was the perfect 5-minute meal." Combining hearty beef, nutritious vegetables and delicious bread, it was "an entire meal packed in a simple, easy-to-eat package." She noted, "True Mother has fond memories of those times. So, with "Heaven G. Burger," True Mother is

sharing some very heartfelt memories from the early days of our movement, especially pioneering days in America.”

The “G” in its title means “gung” or palace. The two-story site was previously the location of a water-purification facility. At its dedication, True Mother prayed, “This place that we are offering you today is situated at the center of this holy ground like the yolk of an egg ... allow your blessing upon it so it may become a place where people can come and foster dreams that are full of hope and happiness.”



## February 12, 1965

### True Father Arrives in America for the First Time



True Father established the first Holy Ground in the United States on Twin Peaks overlooking San Francisco.

From its earliest days, the American Unification movement anticipated the imminent arrival of True Father. Miss Young Oon Kim, the first church missionary to the United States, expected True Father's arrival with Mr. David Kim in September 1959 and out of her meager funds rented an apartment and purchased bedding and other items. The original Bay Area group anticipated his arrival in the spring of 1961 and purchased a camper. The same expectation was a focus of the American church in 1964. Members throughout the country began a "High Noon Prayer Vigil" in anticipation, and by November word came that "Time is growing short."

True Father departed from Korea for his first world tour in January 1965. After spending two weeks in Japan, he left for America. Miss Kim, who accompanied them to Japan, departed ahead of them to prepare Americans for his visit. At 5:30 a.m., on the still, cool morning of Friday, February 12, True Father first set foot upon the continent of North America. Twenty-seven "highly honored, greatly privileged and totally breathless" members greeted him at San Francisco Airport. The highlight and major purpose of True Father's tour was the selection and sanctification of sacred grounds.

Three days later, True Father established the first Holy Ground in the United States on Twin Peaks overlooking San Francisco. In the next 44 days, True Father



Unificationists greet True Father upon his arrival at San Francisco Airport, 1965.

traveled by car to all 48 states, setting up a total of 55 Holy Grounds. A key part of each ceremony was the burying of a “holy rock” from Korea. A pebble was gathered from the grounds of the City Hall at each stop in America and put into a sack for later transport to Korea. True Father’s first visit to the United States lasted nearly five months, until July 1, 1965, when he departed for Europe.

## February 12, 2014

### Cosmic Blessing Ceremony



On February 12, 2014, some 20,000 couples from 194 countries said, “I do” at a Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony that spanned the globe. True Mother officiated the 2014 Cosmic Blessing of 2,500 couples—including 50 couples from the United States—at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in South Korea. It was conducted on the first anniversary of the *Cheon Il Guk* Foundation Day Commemoration Ceremony. In the United States, couples took part via

satellite in local ceremonies from Seattle to New York.

## February 13, 2000

### First International Blessing of 400 Million Couples



400 million couples receive the Holy Marriage Blessing.

Many Unificationists expected that the Holy Marriage Blessing of 360 Million Couples of 1999, which focused largely on previously married couples, would be the final Marriage Blessing in the sequence of international wedding ceremonies conducted on a global and mass scale. Unificationists, therefore, were surprised when True Father announced a 400 Million Couple Blessing to be conducted in conjunction with his 80th birthday, on February 13, 2000. They were more surprised to learn that the 400 million were to be “matched couples only.” True Father envisioned that the 400 million “Youth Blessing,” in conjunction with the 360 Million Couple Blessing of 1999, “will influence the entire human race.”

In America, Unificationists targeted school graduations, movie theaters, ball parks, beaches, fairs and other places where young people

congregated, passing out “Pure Love Pledge Cards.”

The “Pure Love Pledge” called on young people to refrain from all sexual relationships before marriage; to respect and honor the ideal of purity in themselves and others; to learn how to practice pure love as a child, friend, spouse and parent; to dedicate themselves to absolute fidelity within marriage; and to encourage others to do the same. Legions of female Unificationists from Japan helped in the work.

True Parents conducted Blessing 2000, as they had in 1999, before a packed Seoul Olympic Stadium. Representatives from ten world faith traditions pronounced blessings, and the event, coordinated with the 2000 World Culture and Sports Festival, was a spectacular success. However, it was apparent that “matched couples” still made up a minority of the Blessing participants. True Father, therefore, designated it “Phase One” of the 400 Million Couple Blessing. Successive phases followed over the course of the next decade.

## **February 13, 2014**

### **Proclamation of the Cheon Il Guk Constitution**



Hyo Jin and Heung Jin Moon's families dedicate the Cheon Il Guk Constitution.

The Constitution of *Cheon Il Guk*, which outlines the system and the standard of *Cheon Il Guk*, was dedicated and proclaimed on February 13, 2014. After *Cheon Il Guk* Foundation Day in 2013, True Mother directed that the *Cheon Il Guk* Constitution be established quickly and commissioned a Legislative Committee to complete the draft. The committee reviewed constitutions of eight nations and eleven religious denominations. Over the course of eight public hearings involving 1,035 persons from 21 nations, the Constitution was prepared for presentation on the first anniversary of Foundation Day.

Consisting of nine major sections, the Constitution is intended to establish the laws, principles and guidelines that will serve all the people of *Cheon Il Guk* to actualize God's peaceful ideal world. In addition to proclaiming the Constitution, True Mother announced the 12 Supreme Council members who will comprise the legislative body under the Constitution of *Cheon Il Guk*.

## February 15, 1974

**True Parents' 32-City Day of Hope Speaking Tour Begins**





True Parents' public speaking tour of 32 mid-sized cities of the United States began on February 15, 1974, in Portland, Maine, and concluded on April 21 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The speech that True Father gave throughout the United States, "The New Future of Christianity," contained the statement "For the realization of God's will, the returning Lord will not come on the clouds." True Father also said that Jesus died when he did because John the Baptist failed to fulfill his responsibility. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## **February 15, 2016**

### **International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) founded**

In her keynote address read before more than 340 international delegates from 60 nations at the Korean National Assembly, True Mother called on participants to establish "an international association of parliamentarians dedicated to peace." The meeting was part of a special International Leadership Conference (ILC) convened from February 12-16 to discuss the theme, "Addressing Critical

Challenges of Our Time: The Role of Governments, Civil Society and Faith-Based Organizations.” True Mother stated,

If parliamentarians of the world join together in harmony and cooperation for the sake of peace, we can transform the current reality of our world, creating a world of joy, harmony and lasting peace ... You are the representatives of the 7 billion people of the world. If you join together in this way, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

Korean leaders, including the Chairman of the National assembly, Vice-Chairman of the National assembly and Chairman of the Korean Council of Foreign Relations supported the establishment of IAPP in their congratulatory addresses. Those present signed a resolution to establish the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace. True Mother called on the Universal Peace Federation to carry out a series of International Leadership Conferences in eight regions of the world to promote and launch IAPP. These culminated in the inaugural World Assembly of IAPP, convened at the Lotte World Hotel, Seoul on February 4, 2017.

## **February 16, 1985**

**True Father Sends “Letter from Danbury” and Videotapes to 300,000 U.S. Ministers**

Shortly after his incarceration in the Federal Correctional Institution at Danbury, Connecticut, True Father proposed that Unificationists produce and

distribute sets of videotapes explaining the Unification Principle for Christian ministers throughout the United States. Originally the plan was to offer 30,000 videos to 30,000 ministers and to ask each of them to share their tapes with ten other ministers and with their congregations.

By October 1984, American Unificationists had distributed more than 30,000 tape sets. True Father felt that was not enough. So it was decided to distribute videotapes directly to 300,000 ministers. It required several months to produce, duplicate, label and package the videotapes, which was done entirely in-house. New Future Films worked with 25 staff members around the clock in areas set up on the sixth, eighth and tenth floors of the World Mission Center (New Yorker Hotel) with 800 video-copying machines in continuous use.

The crew managed to turn out 900 tapes daily. Another 23 members worked in the shipping department. Packets included three 120-minute-long videotapes on the Unification Principle, a brochure and booklet about the Unification Church, an *Outline of the Principle* text, a book of True Father's talks titled *God's Warning to the World*, and True Father's personal "Letter from Danbury." Twenty-eight tractor-trailers were required to ship all 300,000 packages to the mailing location. The project was completed on February 16, 1985. True Father stated, "I feel very good because that is all done now; that was an incredible operation."

**February 16, 2002**

## 400 Million Couples Holy Blessing, 3rd Phase

On February 16,  
2002, True  
Parents blessed  
some 4,000  
couples at the  
Olympic Fencing



Gymnasium in Seoul. This was the main ceremony of  
the third phase of the International Holy Marriage  
Blessing of 400 Million Couples. Simultaneous  
ceremonies were held in locations around the world.  
The Blessing culminated the eighth World Culture  
and Sports Festival (WCSF) which was convened  
under the theme “Toward a World Culture of Peace of  
a New Dimension.”

## February 17, 2010

### True Parents Officiate 1.4 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony



True Parents officiated the “1.4 Cosmic Blessing  
Ceremony” at the Korea International Exhibition  
Center (KINTEX), located in Ilsan, South Korea, on  
February 17, 2010, or the fourth day of the first  
month of the Heavenly Calendar. Referred to publicly

as the Interreligious Cross-Cultural Holy Wedding Ceremony, it was broadcast via the Internet to 192 nations. Including the 7,000 couples present at the event in Korea, a total of 43,000 brides and bridegrooms participated worldwide. Special congratulatory prayers were given by leaders representing the world's major religions, including Catholicism, Buddhism, Protestantism, Islam, Shintoism and Hinduism.

## **February 17, 2013**

### **True Mother officiates Cosmic Blessing Ceremony**

True Parents initiated cosmic-level Blessings in 2009 following the 50th



anniversary of their Holy Wedding (Korean count). Couples previously had received the Holy Marriage Blessing on the church and worldwide levels.

True Father explained that this was the third and final cosmic-level Blessing in which previously blessed and newly blessed couples would participate. True Parents conducted subsequent cosmic-level Blessings in 2010 and 2012.

The Cosmic Blessing Ceremony officiated by True Mother on February 17, 2013, five days prior to Foundation Day, was significant as it was the first such ceremony conducted since the ascension of True

Father. At least 3,500 couples gathered for the Marriage Blessing at the Cheongshim Peace World Center in Gapyeong, Korea, and 12,000 altogether by video link to dozens of countries. In her prayer for the couples, True Mother said, “You have lit a beacon of hope for fallen humanity through the great Blessing ceremonies, which first commenced with the Blessing of 36 couples in 1960 and has now been held 53 times until today.”

## **February 18, 1976**

### **Senator Robert Dole Convenes anti-Unification movement investigation**

On February 18, 1976, anti-Unification Movement organizations sponsored “A Day of Affirmation and Protest” in Washington, D.C., which included a two-hour



presentation of grievances against the movement to U.S. Senator Robert Dole (R-Kansas) and representatives of seven U.S. government agencies.

The “Dole hearing” provided critics of the Unification Movement with a well-publicized, credible forum in which to air their grievances before important national-level figures.

More troubling was the fact that Unification Movement representatives were excluded from the proceedings. Senator Dole refused to meet with HSA-UWC President Neil Salonen, and Unificationists

could only maintain a vigil of protest at the back of the meeting room. Whereas the Day of Hope tours of the early to mid-1970s were conducted within a climate of receptivity, the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument rallies of 1976 unfolded within a climate of increasing negativity and even persecution.

## February 20, 2013

### ***Wonmo Pyeongae* Foundation Inaugurated**



The *Wonmo Pyeongae* (Eternal Parent's Love) Foundation was officially

inaugurated as a non-profit foundation on February 20, 2013 (Korea time) at the Cheon Jeong Gung in Gapyeong, Korea, before an audience of approximately 1,000 people. True Father originally proposed the idea for the foundation in 2011.

The *Wonmo Pyeongae* Foundation has five main functions: 1) scholarships for Unificationist undergraduate students and high-school pupils; 2) educational support programs and contests; 3) the *Sunhak* Peace Prize to commemorate True Parents' contributions to world peace; 4) social contribution awards to candidates or organizations that have served in areas such as counseling, serving multicultural families, and service for the handicapped; and 5) scientific research on peace

theory and support of symposia.

During her Founder's Speech, True Mother said, "Dr. Sun Myung Moon devoted his lifetime to build a global family, and his desire is embodied through the *Wonmo Pyeongae* Foundation." As its first project, the foundation during its inauguration ceremony awarded four billion won (\$3.7 million) in scholarships to 745 selected individuals and organizations.

## **February 21, 1977**

### **74 Couples Holy Blessing**

On February 21, 1977, True Parents officiated at the largest Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony yet held outside Korea. Seventy-four couples from eleven nations took part in the ceremony, which was conducted in the Terrace Room of the World Mission Center (New Yorker Hotel) in New York. True Parents previously had conducted a Blessing for 43 couples (13 couples in the United States, 8 couples in Germany and 22 couples in Japan) during their Second World Tour in 1969. True Father explained that the Holy Blessing of 74 Couples was made possible on the foundation of the victory of 1976 in America, notably the Washington Monument Rally. He said that he especially wished to give the Blessing to "sorrowfully separated couples from the 777 and 1,800 families" and those who had not been able to participate in the 1975 Blessing due to mission responsibilities.

For the first time since the Holy Blessing of 36 Couples, True Parents posed for photos with each couple individually. They also held a banquet for participants after the ceremony which included a number of “games” such as couples competing to stare into one another’s eyes the longest without blinking or trying to make one another laugh, then trying to make True Father laugh, unsuccessfully. Even though True Mother and the children joined in, True Father “refused to budge” until “there was a glimmer and he broke his seriousness to please us all.” It was reported, “The room filled with joy.” Col. Bo Hi Pak announced that such a banquet had not happened before.

## **February 21, 1980**

### **True Father’s 60th Birthday**



True Father fishing on the Hudson River near the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) circa February, 1980

In early 1980, elders of the Unification Church were eagerly preparing to celebrate True Father’s 60th birthday. This was because in East Asia, the 60th birthday has special significance, meaning that a person has completed five 12-year cycles of the Oriental zodiac. It signifies

accomplishing one big cycle in one’s life and starting

another and is considered the most significant birthday in an individual's lifetime. Therefore, church leaders were immersed in a multitude of detailed preparations for that celebration.

However, unexpectedly True Father summoned Col. Bo Hi Pak and asked him to abandon all plans for a celebration and immediately go to Latin America. He had intuited the need for a new initiative to support Latin American governments, which were increasingly under pressure because of the communist takeover of Nicaragua in 1979 and the growth of communist insurrection in countries such as El Salvador, Guatemala, and Peru. He gave Col. Pak instructions to establish contacts and offer resources in educating young people, the military, and civic leaders so as to avoid a fate similar to Nicaragua's. This led to the founding of CAUSA International and a new chapter in Unificationists' "victory over communism" activities.

## February 21, 2010

### Cheon Bok Gung (Unification Peace Temple) opens



True Father speaks at the opening of the *Cheon Bok Gung*.

True Parents dedicated the *Cheon Bok Gung*, or "Unification Peace Temple," on February 21, 2010. In 2008, True Father had called for the establishment of a 20,000-member church

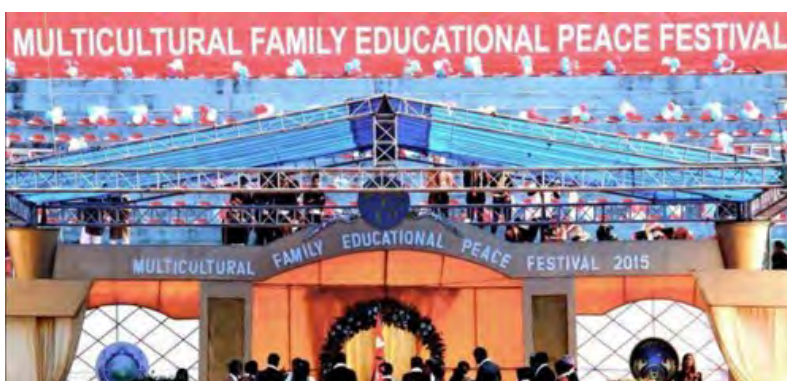
in Seoul that would serve as a platform to influence the nation. He later increased the goal to a 210,000-

person congregation that would influence Korea and eventually the world, not just socially and culturally but also spiritually.

Efforts to construct a “growth-stage” *Cheon Bok Gung* began in earnest with the acquisition of a large public building in Seoul’s Yongsan district. The church’s worldwide membership, led by Japan and Korea, donated nearly \$100 million for the purchase and subsequent renovation costs. This was completed in early 2010, and Unificationists undertook an hour-long march from the previous church headquarters to the new sanctuary, which also would serve as International and Korean church headquarters. In his dedication prayer, True Father prayed that the *Cheon Bok Gung* “become the candlelight in a garden around which all people who resemble heaven in heart can assemble. ... Let it serve as an ecumenical foundation and become the temple embodying the original essence of Your exemplary love as it governs beyond all people and the universe.”

## February 21, 2015

**70,000 in Nepal participate in International Peace Blessing**





Approximately 70,000 citizens of Nepal gathered to affirm marriage and family on February 21, 2015, as they filled the National Stadium in the capital, Kathmandu, to pledge to uphold premarital purity and marital fidelity. As many as 15,000 people were turned away. At the Multicultural Family Educational Peace Festival, which was organized by the Nepalese chapter of Universal Peace Federation (UPF), unmarried teenagers and young adults took a Pure Love Pledge in front of their peers and parents, promising to remain pure. Married couples reaffirmed their marriage vows of love and fidelity in front of their children, friends and neighbors, and the nation. Religious leaders from six faiths offered their prayers and blessings.

Nepal Parliament Member and Family Party President Ek Nath Dhakal, who promoted the festival, stated, "This is the 18th time that the festival has been held in Nepal." The two-hour program was broadcast live on 10 television stations in Nepal and internationally via satellite. Nepal's Vice President Parmanand Jha told his compatriots, "Without first creating true love and peace at home, we cannot dream of building a peaceful and loving nation." Concluding his remarks, he added, "This is the way to build a nation of peace." Dr. Sun Jin Moon, international chair of UPF, spoke about the universal nature of the Interfaith Peace Blessing, saying, "Our hope is that, beginning with this Blessing, each couple and family will cultivate a higher awareness of

our Creator's deepest heart and purpose."

## **February 22, 1948**

### **True Father Arrested a Second Time in North Korea**

True Father received a revelation in 1946 which said, "Go across the 38th Parallel! Find the people of God who are in the North." He immediately responded and arrived in Pyongyang on June 6. He began evangelical work but was arrested by communist police on August 11 and accused of being a spy from the South. He was brutally tortured and finally released on November 21. After recovering, he resumed evangelical work, and within a year his congregation had become quite large.

Some 80 ministers of established churches whose members had begun attending the new congregation's services wrote letters of complaint, and True Father was arrested a second time by communist authorities on February 22, 1948. This time, in addition to accusations of espionage, he was charged with "disturbing public order." True Father again was severely tortured, tried on April 7, convicted, sentenced to 5 years' labor, and transported to Heungnam Prison on May 20, 1948.

## **February 22, 1968**

### **430 Couples Holy Blessing**



True Parents gave the Holy Marriage Blessing to 430 couples (436, technically) on February 22, 1968. True Father noted that 1967 marked 4,300 years of Korean history (the Dangun era). He stated that the 430 Couples corresponded to the 4,300 years of Korean history and that the Holy Marriage Blessing connected Korea to the Unification Church. True Father also noted that it took the Israelites 430 years to return to Canaan from Egypt and that “we too have set out to restore the world, which is our Canaan.”

The following year, True Parents conducted their second world tour and blessed 43 couples worldwide, which connected to the 430 Couple Holy Blessing internationally. The 430 Couple Holy Blessing included the first non-Korean couple, Osami and Tetsuko Kuboki from Japan. Their Blessing connected Korea and Japan. True Father later stated, “The Blessing ... is not just for Koreans. The fact that I connected the 430 Couples to the 43 Couples on the foundation of the family on the world level signifies the birth of a new race transcending ethnicity and nationality. That is how I see it.”





True Parents bless 430 couples in Korea on February 22, 1968.

## February 22, 1982

### Unification News Begins Publication

Volume 1, Number 1 of *Unification News* was published on February 22, 1982. The lead story was “New Day for Civil Rights,” which covered True Father’s support for the Minority Alliance International (MAI) and its first awards banquet. For nearly 30 years, until December 2011, *Unification News* was the monthly voice of American Unificationism. For most of that time, “The Newspaper of the Unification Community” was edited by Richard Lewis.

In a 2010 interview, he noted that it was established at the same time as *The Washington Times*. He recalled that True Father spent two hours on a cold Sunday morning at Belvedere in February talking “about the fall of communism and how important *The Washington Times* was going to be.” Then, right at the end, almost as an afterthought, he said, “Oh, Dr. Pak. I want you to create a second newspaper at the same time so that we’re never tempted to use *The Washington Times* as our church newspaper.” He then “held up two dummies, one of the *Unification News* and one of *The Washington Times*.”

As the newspaper of record for the American Unification community, it covered True Parents’ momentous work over the course of three decades,

regional and local Unification news, and commentary. Its mission is now carried on by the Family Federation for World Peace through its online website and newsletter.

## **February 22, 2007**

### **Cross-Cultural Marriage Blessing Ceremony**



On February 22, 2007, the “Cross-Cultural Marriage Blessing Ceremony in the Sacred Reign of Peace for the Realization of a Peaceful World” took place at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center in Gapyeong, Korea, with True Parents as the officiators. Many children of UPF Ambassadors for Peace received the Blessing on this day, with 521 new couples formed in the midst of much love and blessings. The brides and grooms also participated in the “True Parents’ Birthday and Commemorative Celebration for True Father’s 88th Birthday,” held the next day.

# February 22, 2013

## Foundation Day



True Father proclaimed *Cheonju Pyeonghwa Tongil Guk* (“the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity”), abbreviated as *Cheon Il Guk* (CIG), on November 15, 2001. It is the Unification equivalent to the Kingdom of Heaven and represents an extension in the order of salvation from the individual and family to the creation of a heavenly nation. The *Cheon Il Guk* era refers to the time period during which the foundation of *Cheon Il Guk* was to be established.

According to True Father, the movement was on a “tight schedule” of twelve years, extending until Foundation Day (the thirteenth day of the first month by the Heavenly Calendar), when the necessary conditions for the start of *Cheon Il Guk* would be fulfilled. The most important of these was the “marriage” of the “God of Night” (the eternal Godhead, transcendent of time and space, the creator God) and the “God of Day” (perfected Adam and Eve, the “Parents of Heaven Earth and Humankind”). “God’s Holy Wedding” was consummated on Foundation Day, and on that basis Unificationists worldwide renewed their Marriage Blessings. The *Cheon Il Guk* Coronation Ceremony of

the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, also conducted on Foundation Day, marked the first year of *Cheon Il Guk* and expressed the church's commitment to "peace and harmony for humanity."

## **February 23, 1977**

### **Year One of the Kingdom of God**

The year 1976 was decisive in True Parents' global ministry. It was a year of extremes. On the one hand, it was remembered as the year in which opposition to the movement reached its peak. The kidnapping and deprogramming of members continued, negative parent groups in the U.S. coalesced and were able to gain a public hearing before a powerful senator and numerous federal officials, and by the end of the year mainstream Jewish, Protestant and Catholic institutions turned on the Unification movement. On the other hand, in spite of these obstacles, the movement carried out rallies on a huge scale at Yankee Stadium and the Washington Monument. On January 1, 1977, True Father stated that the church had laid an "invincible foundation" for "horizontal expansion throughout the world."

At True Parents' Birthday, celebrated in the New Yorker hotel in New York City on February 23, 1977, True Father pointed out that according to the lunar calendar, 1976 ended on February 20. As he put it, "The year of victory is gone, now the year of joy has started." He said, "Today let us truly proclaim the day of liberation... This is the new beginning of the new

history of Mother and I giving God, the author, the privilege. Therefore, this is the first year of the Kingdom of God.” He concluded his talk, “**Today in the Light of Dispensational History**,” by saying, “This is the new beginning of the history of God. Therefore, this is the original first year of the Kingdom of God. This is the Year One.”

## February 24, 2014

### ***Ilhwa* Ginseng Products Receive Kosher Certification**



On February 24, 2014, Tongil Group’s subsidiary company *Ilhwa* received the kosher certification. The two products

that received this certification were the hydrolysis concentrate and the ginseng concentrate. Kosher certification is the legal certification of foods that conform to Jewish law. Whether a food product is kosher or not depends mainly on its raw ingredients and the production process. If a product’s raw ingredients and production process coincide with kosher laws, then that product is eligible to receive kosher certification. The passion and dedication of *Ilhwa* are demonstrated through the company’s efforts to protect the health of customers around the world by creating reliable products that accommodate various religions and cultures.

# February 25, 2001

## “We Will Stand in Oneness” Speaking Tour Begins



True Parents hold a “We Will Stand in Oneness” Resolution at the final tour stop in Washington, D.C.

In May 2000, True Father invited 120 clergy from seventeen denominations to Seoul, Korea, for the inaugural



American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC). The clergy had deep experiences at the 38th Parallel, where they released doves of peace, and at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, where several of them experienced healings. At the end of the year True Father asked ACLC’s Executive Committee to organize a 50-state revival tour. The tour, titled “We Will Stand in Oneness,” featured True Father as keynote speaker and covered 52 American cities (in all 50 states) in 52 days between February 25 and April 17, 2001. ACLC clergy and Unificationists nationwide supported the tour.

True Father’s informal remarks preceded each speech and often ran for an hour or more. He emphasized the sanctity of marriage, particularly marital fidelity,

stating that husband and wife were “owners” of one another’s “love organs” and each possessed “only one key.” He typically elicited laughter with his exclamation, “No spare keys!” True Father’s keynote address, “The Path for America and Humanity in the New Millennium,” highlighted God’s suffering, the Last Days, True Parents, the significance of the Korean Peninsula, the Holy Blessing ceremony, and America’s providential role. The tour helped transform ACLC into an organization with a national network. An unexpected result was that a number of clergy requested True Parents’ blessing on their marriages. This led to an Interfaith Marriage Blessing on May 27, 2001, which included the participation of Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, among others.

## **February 28, 1969**

### **Holy Marriage Blessing of 13 American Couples**

On February 28, 1969, at the historic Upshur House in Washington, D.C., True Parents blessed 13 American couples, who according to some interpretations represented the 13

founding colonies: six

previously married and seven new couples. This was the first Holy Marriage Blessing outside Korea and the first of three that together came to be known as the 43 Couple Blessing.



True Parents after officiating the 13 Couple Holy Marriage Blessing.

Those blessed were Edwin and Marie Ang, Philip and Vivian Burley, George and Diane Fernsler, George and Sylvia Norton, Robert and Vivian Oswald, Vernon and Maxine Pearson, Carl and Linna Rapkins, Ken and Orah Pope, Galen and Patty Pumphrey, Wesley and Gladys Samuels, John and Marie Schmidli, Jon and Sandra Schuhart, and Fred and Jacque Stock.

True Parents held a Marriage Blessing of 8 couples in Essen, Germany, on March 28, 1969, and a Marriage Blessing of 22 couples in Tokyo, Japan, on May 1, 1969. The 43 Couple Blessing was conducted on the foundation of the 430 Couple Holy Blessing conducted by True Parents in Korea the previous year and was intended to signify expansion to the worldwide level. True Parents celebrated the Blessing on the 20th day of their visit to the United States as part of their 1969 World Tour. Miss Young Oon Kim, who directed HSA-UWC America, stated that the Blessing of 13 couples (26 people) “was probably the largest wedding ever celebrated in America.” Those numbers would be eclipsed many times over in subsequent years.



Thirteen couples, representing the thirteen founding colonies, await True Parents' entrance.



Brides preparing for the Blessing Ceremony at Upshur House.

**February 28, 1972**

## One World Crusade (OWC) Established



The One World Crusade rally on Wall Street



A One World Crusade tour bus.

In January 1972, True Father gathered 72 “pioneers” from Unification Church missionary groups in New York City to prepare for the

inaugural 7-City Day of Hope speaking tour. In Los Angeles, the sixth city on the tour, True Father formed the One World Crusade (OWC). It would be the official name of the mobile units comprising the 72 trainees from New York. True Father said the new organization was formed to evangelize the United States and, further, the whole world. Mr. David S.C. Kim, who was present, wrote, “Two probable names were suggested – ‘World Unification Crusade’ and ‘One World Crusade.’ After heated discussion, finally ‘One World Crusade’ was born by our Master’s decision.”

After the first Day of Hope Tour, OWC bus teams continued to campaign across the United States assisting newly appointed state representatives

(SRs). They expanded from two to three teams, then to ten. Following the arrival of international members as a “New Pilgrim Movement” and the first 100-Day Training programs, True Father created 40 International One World Crusade (IOWC) units so that there would be one for every state. The IOWC teams brought success to later 21-, 32-, and 8-city Day of Hope tours. In early 1975, a large IOWC contingent boarded a jumbo jet for Japan and eventually Korea, where they supported massive Day of Hope rallies modeled after what had been accomplished in the United States.

## MARCH

# March 1, 1919

## March 1st Korean Independence Movement

The March 1st (*Samil*) Movement came about as a result of Japan's repressive colonial occupation of Korea starting in 1905. On March 1, 1919, thirty-three activists who formed the core of the movement read the Korean Declaration of Independence which they had signed. This sparked nationwide demonstrations which were viciously put down by Japanese police.

The March 1st Movement had a profound impact on True Father. In his autobiography, he stated that his great-uncle, Yoon Guk Moon, a graduate of Pyongyang Theological Seminary and a minister, "participated in the drafting of the 1919 Declaration of Independence." He also "printed thousands of Korean flags and handed them out to the people who poured into the streets." Yoon Guk Moon later was arrested and put under constant surveillance. True Father wrote that his great-uncle's "steadfast love for his country, even in the face of extreme adversity," provided him with a "definite compass" for his life. True Father was born 10 months after the March 1, 1919 demonstrations.

# March 1, 1973

## First 100-day training at the Belvedere Training Center



On March 1, 1973, the first International Training Session began at Belvedere in Tarrytown, New York. Initiated as a 100-day program for future church leaders, the schedule included forty days of intense Divine Principle study, thirty days of the Victory over Communism (VOC) ideology and thirty days of Unification Thought, a recently published application of the Principle to philosophy. The six hours of daily lectures were interspersed with talks from True Father, fellowship, discussion, examinations, lecture practice, and participation in the ongoing New York City outreach campaign.

In addition to solidifying the U.S. Unification Church, Belvedere Training was the first international training program as it included recently arrived “New Pilgrims” from Europe. One U.S. participant wrote: “Europeans were not the only ones wearing smiles of eagerness and anticipation. Some American brothers were intoxicated in those early days, because we were so many fine people together and Belvedere is the most holy place in America.”

Belvedere Training also afforded intimate access to True Parents who spent much time there. Joseph

Kinney wrote, “People who needed internal guidance, or who had spiritual problems, went directly to Father Moon. There was no security on the property; True Parents would just walk around the grounds and the garden, and members could just walk up to them. ... The chain of commanders and links between Father Moon and us was extremely short. He spoke to us throughout the day, and he had personal give and take with everybody in the Training Center, even if it was just one or two sentences. If you were lucky, you’d give a testimony in front of him, or he’d bonk you gently on the head or ask you what country you were from. Even if he saw you in a crowd, there’d be some acknowledgment.”

## March 1, 1982

### First Edition of *The Washington Times*



On January 1, 1982, True Father announced his intention of starting a new daily newspaper in Washington, D.C. Specifically, True Father stated his intention of founding a conservative daily newspaper

in the nation’s capital. *The Washington Star*, the capital’s only major competitor of the powerful but liberal-leaning *The Washington Post*, had folded the previous year, and many lamented the prospect of Washington, D.C., becoming a “one-newspaper town.”

On January 1, True Father selected 200 newspaper trainees from among a full ballroom of Unificationist

volunteers and directed that *The Washington Times* be published within three months, on March 1, to correspond with the anniversary of Korea's *Samil* Independence Movement. True Father appointed Dr. Bo Hi Pak as president.

In the 58 days from January 1 to March 1, Dr. Pak recruited an experienced editor and publisher as well as a first-rate staff, including a number of well-known journalists. He also found and obtained True Father's approval to purchase a former paper factory located on New York Avenue NE, just a short distance from downtown Washington, as *The Times'* headquarters. Still, articles for the first edition had to be transmitted to New York, where they were typeset in the offices of *The News World*. Dr. Pak himself went to New York and brought the newspaper negatives back to Washington overnight on a chartered light aircraft.

## **March 3, 2015**

### **Second Anniversary of Foundation Day and Cosmic Blessing Ceremony**



True Mother led the observance of the second anniversary of Foundation Day and conducted an International Marriage Blessing at the Cheongshim Peace World Center, Gapyeong, Korea, on March 3, 2015 (January 13, H.C.). True Parents originally established Foundation Day on February 20, 2013, as the starting point for the substantial realization of *Cheon Il Guk*.

Eight hundred new couples and 3,000 existing couples participated in the 2015 Cosmic Blessing Ceremony, which was attended by 20,000 in the Peace World Center. Approximately 20,000 couples from 194 nations participated in the ceremony via live Internet broadcast, bringing the total number of couples to 24,000. In her Foundation Day speech, True Mother told participants, “The Marriage Blessing will hold no meaning if you allow your Blessing to extend only to your family, while living in this age of True Parents. You must reveal to your neighbors, your tribe and your nation that True Parents are the true owners. That is the only way for you to go today if you want to receive the crown of glory.”

In addition to the Blessing, FFWPU Publishing Committee President Young-hwi Kim and Vice President Jae-suk Lee dedicated the final volume of the Scriptures, the *Cham Bumso Gyeong*. This completed the Cheon Il Guk Scriptures composed of the *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, the *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* and the *Cham Bumso Gyeong*.

**March 4, 2013**

## Universal Peace Academy Opens



On March 4, 2013, the first Entrance Ceremony for the Universal Peace Academy (UPA) was held in the Main Chapel of Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center in Korea. Forty-three students, mainly from Korea and Japan but also from eight additional nations, participated. They were chosen as entering “cadets” through a strict selection process for the master’s level course, which includes the graduate school and a one-year pre-graduate language school for those needing to raise their competence in Korean.

After the Wonmo Peace Foundation was established according to True Father’s direction, UPA was the first project set up for the education of Unificationist-born future leaders. True Mother founded and named the academy. At the entrance ceremony, she said that under the motto of “Loving Heaven, Loving Nation and Loving People,” UPA “is a school to create leaders who will build a world with freedom, peace, unification and happiness in heaven and on this earth.” She called on the cadets to regard their educational experience “not only as the light of your life but the light for the seven billion people of the

earth.”

## March 5~13, 2012

### True Mother’s multi-city Japan speaking tour



On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the founding of Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP), True Mother delivered an address, “The Role of Women in the Age after the Coming of Heaven

and the Mission of the Women’s Federation,” in a multi-city tour of Japan from March 5 to 13. In addition to her public speeches, True Mother led *Hoon Dok Hwe* each day and reported to True Father, who viewed each event from locations in Korea.

On departure, True Father told her, “I pray that God will be with you so that a flower garden will come into bloom where the True Mother goes.” He also told True Mother to take his wallet, containing all of his ID cards with her, so that members would feel his presence. True Mother distributed donations from his wallet at three locations. After returning to Korea, True Mother said: “The faith of the Japanese members is so beautiful. There are so many difficulties internally and externally in Japan, but when I see the members firmly holding their faith and doing the best they can on the front line, I want to do

what I can for them. I wish I could have done more for them.”

## March 6, 2015

### Sun Jin Moon Appointed FFWPU International President



On March 6, 2015, at the Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Assembly, True Mother appointed Sun Jin Moon as FFWPU international president and her husband, In Sup Park, as FFWPU vice president. True Mother stated: "More than anybody else they represent the True Family, and they have selflessly followed True Parents' tradition, showing you the example. Together with you, they will move us toward the fulfillment of Vision 2020 and they will build, together with you, the eternal Kingdom of Cheon Il Guk." She expressed hope that leaders "will help them wholeheartedly."

## March 7, 1983

# The Middle East Times

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True Father first shared his vision of the importance of creating a newspaper for the Middle East at an international leaders' conference at his sixtieth birthday observance in 1980. He did so for two major reasons. First, Unificationist missionaries were specifically forbidden from pursuing traditional missionary activities in predominantly Islamic nations. Second, local publications were of generally poor quality both in production standards and, more importantly, editorial standards. In fact, Middle East media contributed to divisions within the region by being highly partisan, controlled either directly or indirectly by government or religious interests.

*The Middle East Times*, founded at the end of 1982, published its first edition on March 7, 1983. Its vision was to promote a regional view of the Middle East, taking a position of reconciliation between different sides. Published out of Cyprus, the weekly paper utilized the talents and experience of Unificationist missionaries in the region. By 1985, it circulated in 12 countries. By 1991, it circulated in 18 countries with a readership of 50,000 every week. It also played a significant providential role in connecting the Grand Muftis of Syria and Yemen as well as other Middle East leaders to True Parents.

# March 8, 1994

## True Family One Hundred City U.S. Speaking Tour



A 100-city speaking tour in the United States was conducted from March 8 to April 27, 1994. In this tour, which

had the theme “True Parents and the Completed Testament Age,” True Mother went to ten Ivy League universities, starting from Harvard University, and several of the True Children gave speeches at other universities. True Mother emphasized in her speech, “Adam and Eve were supposed to perfect their true love, and, as true parents, they were supposed to form a perfected family characterized by true love and true lineage.” (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)

# March 8, 2001

## Power Outage in Minneapolis

One of the more bizarre occurrences during any of True Father’s public speaking engagements happened in Minneapolis during his 2001 “We Will Stand in Oneness” tour with the American Clergy Leadership Conference. True Father was speaking at the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, which was filled to capacity with close to 1,000 people. Archbishop George Augustus Stallings had given a rousing introduction in which he stated that True

Father has “a triple A rating from clergy who know him,” being “Anointed, Appointed, and Approved by God.” The atmosphere, as one report put it, was “electric.”

Then, with some twenty minutes to go in True Father’s speech, a transformer blew, plunging the whole neighborhood into darkness. The microphones went out and no one could see anything. According to a report, “At first there was silence and then a young girl’s scream. Some of the audience fled into the night. There was confusion and even despair, until an usher shone his flashlight on the stage.” True Father was heard to say, “Please don’t leave.” Bishop Stallings also went out into the audience, saying: “Be at peace. God is in control.” As more flashlights surfaced and candles were lit, the stage was bright in the warm glow of candlelight. Large candelabras were placed behind the podium. True Father completed his message.

## March 9, 2009

### True Father’s Autobiography Published

The idea of publishing True Father’s autobiography, *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, was first proposed by Gimm-Young Publishing Company, a leading



Korean publisher. Its

As a Peace-Loving Global

president, Ms. Pak Eun-

Citizen

ju, a practicing

Buddhist, approached the church in 2008 and obtained access to voluminous source material, notably *True Parents' Life Course* (12 volumes), a work comprising excerpts from True Father's speeches arranged chronologically in the form of an autobiographical account. Church representatives worked with the publisher's writers to craft the final product, published on March 9, 2009.

It quickly made Korea's non-fiction best-seller list. On June 1, 2009, the church hosted a commemoration of the autobiography's publication at the Seoul Convention and Exhibition (COEX) Center for 3,500 people, including 200 foreign dignitaries. An English translation was ready by May 2010, and there was a parallel launch event. Many U.S. members purchased 430 copies, at True Parents' request, for distribution to contacts. More than 144,000 were distributed in Las Vegas alone.

*As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* consists of eight chapters which follow the general chronological flow of True Father's life. The earlier chapters are exceptionally rich in autobiographical detail surrounding his family background, early upbringing and call to faith. The account vividly describes True Father's torture at the hands of Japanese and North Korean interrogators as well as his imprisonments in South Korea and the United States. The later chapters focus on True Father's marriage and family ministry and initiatives for world peace. True Father described the autobiography as an "honest and candid account." He said it "expresses about 80

percent of [my] life.” In one speech he said he had “as much faith” in his autobiography as in the “Eight Great Textbooks.”

## **March 10, 1997**

### **Groundbreaking Ceremony for New Major Sanctuary in Cheongpyeong, Korea**



The Cheongseong Wanglim Gungjeon overlooks Cheongpyeong Lake.

On March 10, 1997, a groundbreaking ceremony took place at Cheongpyeong for what was to become a major sanctuary, intended to hold up to 10,000 workshop participants at a time. In design, it was understood to be a replica of a palace in heaven, attested to in calligraphy provided for the occasion by True Father which read, “The Heavenly Palace That Came Down from Heaven.” A small mountain was leveled to construct the magnificent marble structure overlooking Cheongpyeong Lake.

## **March 10, 2003**

## Family Party for Peace and Unity Inaugurated

True Father founded the *Cheonju Pyeonghwa Tongil Gajeong Dang*, or Family Party for Peace and Unity (FPPU), on March 10, 2003. Its purposes were primarily educational—to promote a true-family movement and a pure-love movement to expunge the immoral culture that has produced problems throughout the world. In fact, the Family Party neither campaigned nor fielded a candidate for office by 2007 and thereby was legally dissolved, according to a Korean law which required that a political party elect at least one candidate to office within a four-year period.

The Family Party was re-registered on August 28, 2007, and it announced that it would field candidates in the 2008 general elections for the National Assembly. FPPU was the only political party to field candidates in all 245 legislative districts. However, none were elected, and FPPU's party registration was again canceled. Nationally, FPPU won 1.05 percent of the vote. There were some positive outcomes. Many Family Party candidates campaigned earnestly on buses, in public speeches and in television or radio debates with opponents. Their efforts did not necessarily translate into votes but helped turn public opinion on the Family Party and on Unificationism from negative to friendly in some districts. Parents and relatives of members, many of whom had been negative, were also said to be proud that their sons and daughters, nephews and nieces had committed to be candidates for public office.

# March 10, 2009

## Unificationist Freed in Kazakhstan



On March 10, 2009, an appeals court in Almaty, the largest city in Kazakhstan, took action to release Elizaveta

(Liza) Drenicheva, who had served 61 days in prison for a “crime against the peace and security of humankind.” Her offense had been to gather four persons for a seminar in which she taught the Unification Principle.

Ms. Drenicheva, who is a Russian citizen, joined the Unification Church in 1995 and began mission work in Kazakhstan, a former republic of the Soviet Union, in 2006 during which time twelve full-time members joined. However, on January 2, 2008, at 6:00 a.m., KGB officers broke in to the Unification Peace Embassy, taking away literature and computers and arresting Ms. Drenicheva. She was released after two days but faced trial on October 24, 2008, was convicted, and sentenced on January 9, 2009, to two years in prison. Unificationists worldwide considered her to be a “prisoner of conscience” and launched a broad-based “Free Liza” campaign which resulted in her release. Unfortunately, the government refused to reverse her conviction. It wasn’t until 2013 that the Unification Church obtained official registration as a religious association.

# March 11 ~ November 8, 1994

## International Sisterhood Ceremonies



Former U.S. President and First Lady, George and Barbara Bush at a WFWP conference.

True Father understood that women would play a leading role in fostering peace in the Completed Testament Age. Under the auspices of Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), more than 200,000 Korean and Japanese women came together to create sisterly ties on 38 separate occasions between March 11 and November 8, 1994.

The sisterhood ceremonies in the United States between Japanese and American women had a significant impact due to the involvement of persons with exceedingly high public profiles, most notably, former President George H.W. Bush and first lady Barbara Bush. They were deeply touched by their experience and later traveled with True Mother to speak in support of her work on a six-city speaking tour of Japan.

## March 11, 2011

## Massive Tsunami Hits Japan

A 9.0 magnitude undersea earthquake approximately 43.5 miles off the Japanese coastline on March 11, 2011, triggered a powerful tsunami, with waves reaching heights



True Father in Las Vegas, praying for the safety of Japan after the earthquake.

of up to 133 feet, which, in the area of the city of Sendai, traveled up to 6 miles inland. Referred to in Japan as the Great East Japan Earthquake, it was the most powerful earthquake ever recorded to have hit Japan, and the fourth most powerful earthquake in the world since modern record-keeping began in 1900.

The earthquake moved Honshu (the main island of Japan) 8 feet eastward and shifted the Earth on its axis by between 4 and 10 inches. A Japanese National Police Agency report confirmed 15,889 deaths, 6,152 injured, and 2,601 people missing across twenty prefectures, as well as 127,290 buildings totally collapsed, with a further 272,788 buildings “half collapsed” and another 747,989 buildings partially damaged. The tsunami caused level 7 nuclear meltdowns at three reactors in the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant complex, affecting hundreds of thousands of residents in an 18-mile radius who were forced to evacuate. The World Bank’s estimated economic cost was US \$235 billion, making it the costliest natural disaster in world history.

As a major center of world Unificationism, the Japanese Unification Church was directly impacted by the tsunami. In the immediate aftermath, there were reports of two confirmed deaths. However, Unificationists also lost relatives and homes. Some 300 to 400 Unificationists resided in Sendai, the worst-hit city. More than 500 Unificationists were evacuated to four facilities in Japan. The Japanese Church called for a three-day fast immediately after the earthquake and began relief efforts, delivering food and blankets to survivors. True Father directed the International Church to donate \$1.7 million for relief through the Japanese Red Cross. American Unificationists donated \$120,000 and partnered with the Christian Disaster Response organization to train Youth Ambassadors for Peace and other volunteers in Japan.

## **March 12, 1996**

### **First National Messiah Workshop**



True Father directed a select group of Korean leaders and elders to attend a 40-day workshop at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center beginning March 12, 1996. The workshop was

subsequently extended to 47 days. Afterward, 54 elders were assigned as “national messiahs” to 54 nations. This was the first of several national messiah workshops conducted in 1996. Eventually, quartets of Korean, Japanese, American and European “national messiahs” were assigned. They supplemented or, in most cases, replaced the original missionary teams of Japanese, Americans and Germans who had completed 21 years of missionary service, having been dispatched in 1975.

As the Cheongpyeong activities had begun in earnest a year earlier, the national messiah workshops were significant in supporting that work. Many thousands of Unificationists who were not appointed national messiahs attended later Cheongpyeong workshops for the purpose of spiritual renewal. The national messiah providence built upon True Father’s 1988 declaration of “tribal messiahship” as a goal for Unificationists.

## **March 12, 2000**

### **North Korea–South Korea Unification Rally**



The North  
Korea–South  
Korea Unification  
Rally was held in  
the Main  
Olympic

Stadium in Jamsil, Seoul, on March 12, 2000.

Held on the foundation of similar events held to

commemorate True Father's 80th birthday in 20 Korean cities, it was a national-level event attended by around 120,000 people. In his speech, titled "The Path of Life That Needs to be Trod by God's Princes and Princesses," he proclaimed the age of the brotherhood of humankind. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)

## March 13, 1960

### Decorative Stones Distributed at Cheongpa-dong Church



On the afternoon of March 13, 1960, in the former headquarters church in

Cheongpadong, Seoul, True Father distributed decorative stones that he had collected from beaches as he toured Japan's Kanto region. He numbered each and every one of them and gave them to 248 members. He told them, "You should keep and cherish this stone that I am giving you and that you are receiving from me, deep in your heart, so that it can become a symbol for the success of your trinities." In commemoration of the distribution of the stones, the members made groups of three, posed for pictures and received from True Father rice cakes and fruit that he personally distributed. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee)

## March 14, 1961

### Dr. Bo Hi Pak Begins His Mission in the United States

Dr. Bo Hi Pak was the third Unification Church missionary to the United States, arriving on March 14, 1961.



Unlike Miss Young Oon Kim and Mr. David

S.C. Kim, both of

whom had come on student visas, Dr. Pak—who then was known as Col. Pak—came as a diplomat, serving as assistant military attaché at the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C. Like them, he also began witnessing and held Bible study sessions in his home.

In early 1963, he incorporated the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) in Arlington, Virginia, and was granted a federal tax exemption. The following year he published a translation of the Principle, *Outline of Study: The Divine Principles* (c. 1964). However, he soon began to move in cultural and public advocacy directions.

In 1962, True Father conceived the idea of forming a Korean children's dance troupe which would become

the Little Angels and asked Dr. Pak to head the initiative. Dr. Pak subsequently created the Korean Cultural and Freedom Foundation (KCFF) which sponsored the Little Angels' tours as well as Radio of Free Asia (ROFA). Dr. Pak's work helped set the pattern for Unificationists' intercultural and "victory over communism" efforts.

## **March 15, 1969**

### **True Father Writes to Korean Unificationists During Second World Tour**

On departing the United States for Europe during his Second World Tour, True Father wrote an open letter to members in Korea. He expressed concern over "news of an unprecedented snowfall in Korea" and wrote he was "happy to say" that True Mother, then pregnant, was "well." He also noted that after reading letters from "back home ... we all become joyful." The main content of the letter conveyed "something of what I have felt in America during the tour." After mentioning "many complicated problems" over which "America is in agony," he wrote:

*Contrasting American and Korean members, both have relative merits and demerits. I feel that Oriental customs are conservative, but that they do not break new ground, whereas the West is open, realistic and sociable.*

*From this, it is possible to say that the former is internal and passive, the latter, external and positive. There is no racial discrimination among*

*Unification Church members. They are noticeably different from other groups. I think the intimate relationship that exists among members is unprecedented in history. It truly shows we are all brothers and sisters with one heart.*

*When we compare the American membership, comprising several different races, with the Korean membership consisting of one race, the former seem to have very promising prospects.*

*In saying that, I do not mean that only the West is good. I just think the reason is that America offers its citizens an environment through which they encounter many nations and cultures, and experience much more. Therefore, I hope that the Oriental members will go abroad and keep in frequent contact with other nations in the future.*

## **March 16 ~ August 1, 1972**

### **"One World Crusade" Bus Teams Traverse the United States**



One World Crusade buses parked at Belvedere International Training Center.

Two evangelical bus teams, with approximately twenty-five members each, traveled across the United States from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., supporting the witnessing activities of pioneer Unificationists in the various states. Mobile Unit #1 (the northern bus) campaigned in 22 cities and 22 states, traveling a total of 8,400 miles. Mobile Unit #2 (the southern bus) campaigned in 21 cities and 20 states, traveling a total of 7,780 miles. The bus teams spent about a week in each city, and many members joined the church as a result of their efforts. Mr. David S.C. Kim emerged as the One World Crusade's leading "field general." He chronicled bus team activities in over 40 reports, under such titles as "Marching across This Great Land to Make It Free," "One World Crusade Is Marching On" and "Mobile Unit 2 Moves West Coast States." In December 1972, he was named Executive Director of the One World Crusade.

## March 17, 1990

### True Father Begins Speaking Tour of U.S. Korean Communities

True Father launched his first U.S. speaking tour since the 1970s, addressing Korean



communities in  
five U.S. cities,  
beginning in San  
Francisco on  
March 17, 1990.

True Parents receive flowers at the  
San Francisco public speech to the  
Korean community on March 18,  
1990.

The other cities were Los Angeles, Chicago,  
Washington, D.C., and New York, and True Father said  
the five cities represented the 50 states of America.

True Father spoke on the topic “True Unification and  
One World.” The events were promoted as  
“Welcoming True Parents Rallies.” They served to  
introduce True Parents’ activities and thought to  
Koreans in America and to familiarize the Korean  
community with the term “True Parents.” True Father  
had conducted “Welcoming True Parents” rallies in  
five Korean cities the previous month. These rallies  
were part of the lead-up to the Moscow Rally in April  
1990 and True Parents’ declaration of their roles on  
the worldwide level.

## March 17, 1993

### Unificationists Released from Thai Prison



Dr. Lek’s wife Vipa at  
the women’s prison  
where she endured  
separation from her  
husband and the  
other  
Unificationists.

On June 26, 1991, eight  
leaders of the Unification  
Church in Thailand, including  
the national leader, Dr. Lek  
Thaveetermsakul, were  
arrested and jailed under  
charges of treason. “Crime  
Suppression Police”

subsequently invaded

Unification Church centers

nationwide. The action was taken under the auspices of Thai army generals who had declared martial law and who were influenced by newspaper attacks on the church.

Treason was understood to mean subversion against the monarchy or nation, and its penalty was life imprisonment or execution. After three months, the case was filed and no bail was allowed. The eight leaders were imprisoned for 21 months, until March 17, 1993, when the king of Thailand took unprecedented action to relieve the top dictatorial general of his duties as head of Thailand, replacing him with a prime minister who formulated a constitutional system. An era of tyranny ended, and friends of the Unification Church of Thailand successfully demanded bail for the eight leaders who were released. However, the case continued for another eight years, until September 1, 2001, when the Thai Supreme Court acquitted the eight of all charges.

## **March 17, 2007**

**True Father proclaims “The Pacific Rim Era”**



True Father declared 2007 to be a “Great Jubilee Year” in God’s providence. The major reason for this was the

beginning of “The Pacific Rim Era.” In a March 17

speech titled “A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God’s Will—The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World,” delivered before 700 Unificationist leaders and Ambassadors for Peace on the grounds of “Hawaii King Garden,” a church-owned property on the island of Kona, he stated:

*The development of human civilization has completed a circuit of the entire globe and has arrived at the Pacific sphere. Human history has come to a point in time in the providence at which it should reach completion and fruition through the Pacific Rim region. No force can impede the providence now. Though there were both victories and defeats ... in the era before heaven, nothing could prevent the rise of the Pacific Rim Era. Herein lies the reason that Heaven declared this a jubilee year.*

True Father drew together themes that had been prominent in his thought for some time, including his identity as “the True Parent of humankind,” the fruition of human civilization “in the Pacific Rim region, centered on the Korean Peninsula,” oceans as “the resource on which humanity’s future depends,” the responsibility of the United States “to bring harmony and oneness among the world’s 6.5 billion people and to expedite the creation of a peaceful, ideal world,” the significance of international and cross-cultural Marriage Blessings, and the necessity of “an ‘Abel-type’ counterpart to the United Nations.” He also proclaimed, “The oceanic era that has begun

represents the women's era."



True Father delivered his "New Civilization" declaration before some 700 Unificationist movement leaders and Ambassadors for Peace on the grounds of Hawaii King Garden in Hawaii's Kona district, on March 17, 2007.

True Father delivered the Pacific Rim speech in a "New Civilization" tour covering 24 cities in Korea during April and early May of 2007. His speech, "A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will—The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World," became the foundation for a global "New Civilization" tour. True Mother delivered the same speech in 10 Japanese cities from May 2 to 11.

The American portion of the tour continued through May and June. Unificationists subsequently held "New Civilization" rallies in their respective nations. True Mother and Hyun Jin Moon began the U.S. phase of the tour in late May, delivering the message in twelve U.S. cities, with two of True Parents' daughters-in-law covering cities in thirty-eight states during May and June 2007.

**March 17, 2009**

## Hyo Jin Moon Ascends



World Seong Hwa Ceremony honors Hyo Jin Moon.

Hyo Jin Moon, the eldest son of True Parents, died of a heart attack at 9:46 a.m. on March 17 in Seoul, Korea. He was born there on December 3, 1962, but grew up in

the United States. For many years he ran Manhattan Center Studios, a state-of-the-art multimedia facility in New York City that was favored by leading musicians and orchestras both for recording and televised events.

He worked for 10 years (1985-94) as the first president of the World Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (World CARP). One of the defining moments of his presidency was the 4th World CARP Convention in Berlin in 1987. Hyo Jin Nim led 1,000 students on a memorable march to the Berlin Wall, where he delivered a stirring speech, calling on Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to be a righteous man and tear down the wall.

He was an intensely passionate singer and lead guitarist who produced over a dozen CDs and a



Hyo Jin Moon was the first son of True Parents.

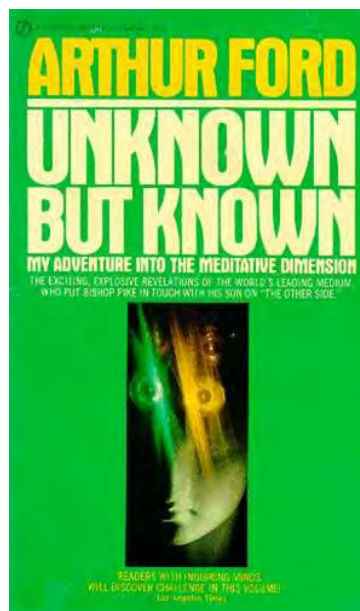
catalog of thousands of compositions. True Parents held a world-level Seonghwa Ceremony and wrote a

special calligraphy translated as “He will open and liberate the deepest heaven and turn it into a flower garden as the lord who opens the gates of loyalty and filial piety.” He left his wife, Yun Ah Choi, and four children, as well as five children from a previous marriage.

## March 18, 1965

### Arthur Ford Sitting with True Father

Arthur Ford (1896-1971) was one of America’s best-known psychics, famous for his sittings with the widow of escape artist Harry Houdini as well as for founding the Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship (SFF). He had become aware of True Father



through Charles Brooke, the former rajah of Sarawak and himself the leader of an English metaphysical group, who met an early Unificationist missionary and traveled to Korea to meet True Father, whom he regarded as the “earth form of limitless love.”

On March 18, 1965, Ford had a sitting with True Father, accompanied by Col. Bo Hi Pak and others, during True Father’s first world tour. Ford later included “The Sun Myung Moon Sitzings” in his work *Unknown But Known* (1968). During the sitting, Ford’s communicator, Fletcher, stated, “It is not easy

for me to get down to the level of Ford. Great power in the form of light—if you were to see the light that surrounds you—most of you would be blinded by it. ... In another setting I would insist that my instrument and the rest of you should take off your shoes. But spiritually you can create the humility that will enable you to know that you are in the presence of truth-Incarnate and Discarnate. ... Sun Myung Moon is the one I have been talking about.”

True Father was viewed with interest by New Age leaders during the late 1960s. However, with the emergence of the Unification Church as an increasingly well-defined and controversial movement during the 1970s, New Age and spiritualist groups generally ignored or criticized the church.

## March 18, 2010

### First Legacy of Peace Ceremony



Gen. Alexander Haig, who as a young officer in the U.S. Army participated in the U.N. military attack on North

Korea’s Heungnam labor camp in October 1950 which freed True Father after nearly three years of confinement, passed away on February 20, 2010.

Gen. Haig, who was the U.S. secretary of state in 1981 and 1982 under President Ronald Reagan, was a supporter of *The Washington Times* and

participated in Unificationist-organized events.

True Father asked church leaders to attend his funeral services and to place a large gift of flowers at Arlington National Cemetery. A few days later, top church leaders hosted a private memorial dinner at the Sheraton National Hotel attended by General Haig's son, Alexander P. Haig, who thanked the Unification Church and True Father for their support.

True Father subsequently directed the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) to hold a larger, more public event at the United Nations. Held on March 18, 2010, the "Memorial Festival of Ascension and Unity," convened in the United Nations Secretariat Building, also honored more than 100 UN personnel killed in a recent Haiti earthquake as well as Rodrigo Carazo, the former president of Costa Rica, who died the previous December, and other peace advocates. The event was highly successful and gave birth to "Legacy of Peace" events elsewhere in the United States and throughout the world. In addition to honoring the recently deceased, the events provided a platform for communicating church views on eternal life and the Marriage Blessing as an instrument of peace.

## **March 20 ~ April 10, 1992**

**Thousands of High School Students and Teachers  
in Former Soviet Union Hear Divine Principle**





Students of the former Soviet Union hold one of their Divine Principle workshops.

More than 7,000 high school students and their teachers from across the former Soviet Union, attended Divine Principle workshops held during spring break. Twenty-three different workshop sites were used in the Crimea, on the coast of the Black Sea, to accommodate forty workshops. Unificationist missionaries based throughout Eurasia, under the leadership of Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, took on Divine Principle lecturing and other staff responsibilities. Dozens of members from the United States also came to Crimea at their own expense to take part.

The Divine Principle education of 7,229 participants over 22 days set a world record. It would actually be surpassed in the summer of that same year, when, over a period of eight weeks, 18,042 guests (university and high school students and professors) attended 129 workshops held at 26 workshop sites in Latvia, Lithuania, the countryside outside Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Central Asia.

## **March 21, 1999**

### **Satan Surrenders to True Parents**

In Unification tradition, March 21, 1999, is remembered as the day on which Satan surrendered

to True Parents. True Father later stated, “In March 1999 Satan surrendered. Because of True Parents Satan could surrender. God could not make Satan surrender. That would violate the Principle. Man gave Satan his power, and only man can make Satan surrender.”

On March 21, 1999, Young Soon Kim, who channeled Dr. Sang Hun Lee’s messages from the spirit world, published three letters of apology from Lucifer to God, True Parents and humankind. These were subsequently included in a volume, *Lucifer, A Criminal against Humanity*. True Parents are understood to have achieved this in the wilds of the Pantanal region of South America. This was an important step toward the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God and declaration of *Cheon Il Guk*.

## March 22, 1978

Bo Hi Pak Begins Testimony before the Fraser Committee



In 1976, the U.S. House Subcommittee on International Organizations, chaired by Rep. Donald Fraser (D-Minnesota) began an investigation into Korean-American Relations and, in

particular, the activities of the Korean Central

Intelligence Agency (KCIA) in the United States. In 1977, their investigation intensified in the wake of Korean influence-buying on Capitol Hill, referred to as Koreagate.

The Subcommittee was determined to establish a link between the KCIA and the church, the Subcommittee leaked several confidential, unevaluated intelligence documents which led to press reports that the church “was founded by the Director of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency ... as a political tool in 1961.” However, this allegation was patently false as the Subcommittee’s final report indicated.

The Subcommittee subpoenaed Col. Bo Hi Pak for testimony on several occasions, but may have not been entirely prepared for his responses. In his initial appearance on March 22, 1978, Col. Pak complained bitterly that the Subcommittee was “ostensibly pursuing a probe of the KCIA” but had “given the impression to the world through the press that the United States Congress is investigating the Unification Church of Reverend Sun Myung Moon.” In his second appearance, Col. Pak escalated his rhetoric, stating his belief that the Chairman was “being used as an instrument of the devil.” In his third appearance, Col. Pak charged that Congressman Fraser was “an agent of influence on the Hill for the Soviet Union.”

Col. Pak’s testimony was later published in a volume entitled *Truth is My Sword*. For its part, the Subcommittee recommended that a U.S. government inter-agency task force investigate the Unification Church. No interagency task force was created, and

Congressman Fraser lost in his bid to gain a seat in the U.S. Senate. Nevertheless, his Subcommittee perpetuated a climate of suspicion and hostility in relation to True Father and the Unification Church.

## March 22, 1997

### Dr. Sang Hun Lee Ascends



Dr. Sang Hun Lee, author of the Unification Thought (UT) and Victory over Communism (VOC) texts, passed away in Seoul, Korea, on March 22, 1997, at the age of 84. Dr. Lee, a former medical doctor, met the Unification movement in 1956 and was among the 36 couples who were blessed in 1961.

In 1973, Dr. Lee published a philosophical application of Divine Principle titled *Unification Thought*. This was followed by *Explaining Unification Thought* (1981), *Fundamentals of Unification Thought* (1991), and *Essentials of Unification Thought* (1992). Dr. Lee also authored *Communism: A Critique and Counterproposal* (1973) and *The End of Communism* (1985). True Father described these

works, along with Divine Principle, as “pillars” of Unificationism.

For all of his intellectual acumen, Dr. Lee was bothered by his inability to clearly answer questions about the spirit world. He devoted himself to a study of the topic and, after his wife’s death in 1989, published excerpts of their correspondence as communicated through Young Soon Kim. He expressed his intention of publishing a complete doctrine of the spirit world but had not done so at the time of his passing. However, afterward Young Soon Kim published an influential volume of Dr. Lee’s messages from the spirit world titled *Life in the Spirit World and on Earth* (1998). Dr. Lee played a major role in subsequent spirit world messages including *A Cloud of Witnesses: The Saints’ Testimonies to the True Parents* (2002).

## March 22, 2012

### Cheongshim World Peace Center Dedicated



Cheongshim World Peace Center, a massive arena designed to hold 25,000 people near the Unification movement’s

Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, opened on the 53rd True Parent’s Day, March 22, 2012. This completed construction of the largest and most sophisticated multipurpose cultural center in South Korea, eight times larger than the Sejong Performing Arts Center and twice as large as the

Olympic Gymnastics Hall.

The highlight of the dedication was a performance of the “Crown of Glory,” a musical based on the life of True Parents. Performed by 60 actresses and actors with support of 150 staff and 60 orchestra performers, the script was developed with help from the research team from Cheong Shim Graduate School of Theology. A mammoth moving and rotating stage with 3D video supported the production. However, True Father emphasized the importance of the arena as a Blessing venue. He noted, “From now, we don’t have to use the Seoul Olympic Stadium; but can use this place to give birth to hundreds of thousands of blessed families here.”

## **March 23 ~ 27, 1997**

### **Martial Arts Federation for World Peace Founded**

Four hundred leading martial artists, including Grand Masters and masters from the main



martial arts schools in 83 nations attended the inaugural convention of the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace (MAFWP) at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. from March 23-27, 1997.

The purpose of the convention and federation was to foster cooperation among the martial art disciplines to provide moral leadership, inspire a moral and spiritual renewal among the world’s young people, and support the establishment of world peace

through the development of inner peace. True Father spoke three times at the convention and emphasized “the goal of absolute mind-body unity.” The convention included plenary sessions, breakout meetings, an organizing session, and a public exhibition of martial arts in the Hilton Grand Ballroom attended by 1,500 people including the mayor of Washington, D.C. After being established, the Martial Arts Federation went on to set up chapters in about 40 different nations.

## **March 23, 2004**

### **Crown of Peace Ceremony held in the Dirksen Senate Office Building**



True Father inscribes calligraphy at the ceremony.

The Unification movement conducted six “crown of peace” ceremonies from late 2003 until early 2005. The first of these was the coronation of Jesus as “King of Peace” in Jerusalem as part of the Middle East Peace Initiative on December 22, 2003. Most of the coronations did not generate controversy or significant notice outside of the movement, with the exception of the event at the Dirksen Senate Office

Building on March 23, 2004.

The program was elaborately prepared. Building on contacts established over the years through *The Washington Times*, the host committee included six congressional co-chairs and a partial listing of the invitational committee included three additional congressmen, as well as one current and one retired U.S. senator, four state senators, a former ambassador. Ninety-one Ambassador for Peace awardees represented all 50 states. There was a reconciliation ceremony between the three Abrahamic faiths, and one representative each from Jewish, Islamic and Christian traditions were given national-level awards. Several congressmen and ambassadors were given global level leadership awards.

All of this served as a backdrop to True Parent's crown of peace award which included royal regalia. Following the brief ceremony, True Father delivered a keynote address on "Declaring the Era of the Peace Kingdom." In an unscripted moment, a Jewish rabbi, inspired by the "miracle" of Jews, Christians and Muslims coming together in reconciliation, came to the microphone and blew a shofar (ram's horn) signifying the coming of the Messiah.

The awards banquet was a closed event. However, postings on Unification web sites, including a 20-minute video, were picked up by independent bloggers and eventually the mainstream media. On June 23, three months after the event, the *Washington Post* published a front page article on the banquet. The *New York Times* reported on the ceremony the same day, noting, "Capitol Hill was in

full-blown backpedaling mode, as lawmakers ...  
struggled to explain themselves.”

Unification movement representatives responded forcefully, charging that media accounts were “filled with misrepresentations, distortions and outright falsehoods.” In an official statement, the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace called for “fair and frank consideration by an unbiased media” of questions raised by the “crown of peace” awards ceremony “before subscribing to the ‘witch hunt’ that this issue has become.”

## **March 24, 1989**

### **Universal Ballet Academy Dedicated**

True Parents conducted a brief dedication ceremony in the chapel of the newly completed Universal Ballet Academy building in Northeast Washington, D.C. on March 24, 1989. The four story structure was restored and expanded by a Washington-based architectural firm. A new addition was constructed to house four large dance studios, equipped with mirrors and barres. Dormitory facilities (32 rooms), locker rooms, and a dining area were also built. Altogether, the Academy was built to house more than 60 boarding students in its dorms, with an additional 100 students in daytime classes.

As patrons of the arts, True Parents had launched several dance institutions previously—including the Little Angels Performing Arts Center in Seoul, Korea, where students are trained at an early age in the fine

and performing arts. The Academy hired Oleg Vinogradov to head the school. For the previous 13 years, he was director of the Soviet Union's famous Kirov Ballet, the alma mater of Rudolf Nureyev and Mikhail Baryshnikov.

## **March 24, 2012**

### **First Holy Marriage Blessing held at the Cheongshim World Peace Center**



Two days after its formal dedication, Cheongshim World Peace Center served as the venue for a major Holy Marriage Blessing. Officially, the “Blessing Ceremony in the Era to Open the Gates to the Victory, Liberation, and Completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind” convened more than 20,000 Unificationists from 54 countries. More than 2,500 couples participated as newlyweds and 1,100 couples participated to “re-affirm” their marital vows. Approximately 100 countries broadcast the ceremony live by satellite while another 92 held their own marriage-Blessing ceremonies with previously-recorded materials.

Due to the impressive venue and the participation of

attractive, young Unificationists, the Blessing sparked widespread interest. News outlets from some 100 countries covered the event. The BBC aired a largely supportive special in Britain, titled “Married to the Moonies,” which followed three British youth and their partners as they prepared for and participated in the Blessing. A variation of the BBC version, titled “Getting Married to the Moonies,” aired in the United States. It followed three American youths and their partners.

## **March 24, 2013**

### **Dr. Martin Porter Ascends**



On Sunday, March 24, 2013, Dr. Martin Porter, a pioneer of the Unification movement in the West, passed away. Dr. Porter was born in Hampshire, the United Kingdom, in 1942 and met the Unification movement in Rome in 1965. He was blessed in marriage by our True Parents in Europe in 1969 as part of the 43 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing that was celebrated in Essen, Germany. One of the

earliest Unificationists in Europe, Dr. Porter served for many years as president of the Unification movement in Italy, from 1967 to 1977.

In 1973, he moved to the United States to do evangelical work, including leading a One World Crusade team during True Parents' Day of Hope speaking tours in 1973 and 1974. Subsequently, Dr. Porter served as the president of the Canadian Unification movement from June 1, 1977 to August 31, 1983. He later was asked to lead a shipbuilding enterprise, Master Marine and IOE Fishing Operations in Bayou la Batre, Alabama.

## **March 25, 1994**

### ***Aewon* (Garden of Love) Bank Established**

True Parents established *Aewon* (Garden of Love) Bank on March 25, 1994, and it was given official approval by the city of Seoul on April 12. It was founded in order to realize True Parents' vision of true love with special focus on the underprivileged and handicapped. According to *Aewon's* statement of purpose: "A bank is where money is deposited. The *Aewon* Bank is where we deposit our love, service, and charity, however they may be expressed, for the sake of others, so that charity and true love will bring hope, courage and joy to the lives of our neighbors."

*Aewon* has developed cultural welfare projects such as Dream Seed Lesson, Dream Seed Concert and Performance Delivery Service. As part of the Dream Seed Lesson, volunteers teach music, art and theater

to underprivileged or handicapped children. Then those children take part in a Dream Seed Concert. Volunteers with Performance Delivery Service stage performances on location for people who live in the countryside or are handicapped. The *Aewon* organization also hosts North Korean art exhibitions and sends books to North Korea. Its volunteers help out in local soup kitchens and assist the elderly.

## **March 26, 1994**

### **True Parents' luncheon meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev**

On March 26, 1994, True Parents hosted Mikhail Gorbachev, a former president



of the Soviet Union, at the Hannam-dong training center in Seoul, where they had a meeting. Mr. Gorbachev was in South Korea to attend the Federation for World Peace rally.

True Parents presented Mr. Gorbachev with a portrait and a necktie pin made of Korean jade. During their meeting, Mr. Gorbachev asked True Parents to pay close attention to Russia in the future. On the following day, during the second Federation for World Peace rally in Seoul, True Father gave a speech, “The Fundamental Principle of True Peace,” in which he emphasized, “As we enter the age of internationalization and globalization in the twenty-

first century, we are confronted with the urgent task of overcoming a large number of difficult obstacles to world peace.” (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## March 26, 2005

### Conferment of *Cheon Seong Gyeong Holy Scripture*

On Saturday, March 26, 2005, the *Cheon Seong Gyeong (Holy Scripture)* was made available to anyone wishing to convey True Parents’ heart to all people in the world while also inviting anyone to one’s home to participate in *Hoondokhae* (the daily reading of True Father’s words). The *Cheong Seong Gyeong* text was put together with the idea of maximizing our spiritual practices in our daily lives and sharing true love and happiness with the world. It is one of eight books that True Father bequeathed to humankind upon his ascension to the Spirit World.

## March 26, 2013

### True Mother prayer for Unificationist youth





True Mother prepared a prayer for Unificationist youth based on her grandchildren's education. In her words, "Since Father and I have lived like a war period, I couldn't have created an environment for my children. But now I am doing the 'creation of environment' for my grandchildren. A few days ago, I announced and gave to my grandchildren and all blessed children in the world the 'Prayer of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.'" She said she would like Unificationist youth to pray the following in the morning and evening:

*"Heavenly Parent, I thank you and I love you. I, [one's name], will become a devoted son (daughter) who will inherit the tradition of true love established by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and perfect the duty of a devoted son (or daughter), patriot, and divine son (or daughter). I report this in my name [one's name], a second generation member of a blessed family, Aju!"*

Children and youth who joined recently should end the prayer saying "I report this in my name [one's name], Aju!"

**March 27, 1980**

**New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA)**

**Inaugurated**



Rev. Moon meets with founding members of New ERA at East Garden, New York.

In February  
1977, Unification  
Theological  
Seminary (UTS)  
began hosting  
Theologians'  
Conferences for  
scholars of  
religion  
interested in

learning about the Unification movement. These dialogues and others fed into longer conferences on Unification Theology. The conference program caught the interest of True Father, who committed resources to its development.

This led to the founding of the New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA) and the creation of a twenty-one-member board of consultants who planned conferences, publications and other events "to bring people together ecumenically worldwide." Hundreds of scholars participated in summer introductory seminars and winter advanced seminars. UTS published some thirty conference books, and New ERA gave birth to a wide range of ecumenical and interreligious organizations including annual "God Conferences," the Youth Seminar on World Religions (YSWR), the International Religious Foundation, and the Assembly of World Religions.

## March 27, 1990

True Father restores the right of parents, sends out



On the occasion of True Parents' Day 1990, True Father declared he had "restored the right of parents" and was "sending out tribal messiahs to put everything in order, just as God sent the returning Lord and just as He sent Jesus." The next step, "restoration of the right of kingship," he said, "remains." In True Father's words:

*"Originally, when Adam reached perfection, the Heavenly Father would be perfected, and when Eve reached perfection, the Heavenly Mother would be perfected. Hence, if they become the lord and lady of the family, the kingship of the family-level heavenly kingdom would have arisen. Thus, Adam and Eve were to become king and queen on the level of the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, and world. Since we have reached the time when we can go beyond the national level, we can go beyond the kingship of the satanic world and establish the kingship of the heavenly world."*

On the 18th anniversary of True Parents' Day, True Father said: "My goal is to make all of you the true

parents of your own lineage. It is the greatest honor that I can give to each of you.”

## **March 28, 1969**

### **43 Couple Holy Marriage Blessing in Essen, Germany**



During True Father’s Second World Tour in 1969, True Parents blessed 43 couples in the United States, Germany and Japan, the first Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony conducted outside Korea. The 43 Couple Marriage Blessing was conducted on the foundation of the 430 Couple Marriage Blessing held by True Parents in Korea the previous year and signified expansion to the worldwide level.

The Blessing in Germany, the second phase of the Blessing, joined couples from England and America, Holland and America, Holland and Germany, England and Italy, Germany and Austria in international marriages. National leaders from Korea, Japan, America, England, Holland, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Germany were either blessed or present at the ceremony. The 43 Couple Blessing was foundational for the 777

Couple Marriage Blessing in 1970 and the globalization of True Parent's ministry.

## **March 31 ~ April 3, 1995**

### **South America Declarations**



True Father had been actively pursuing opportunities in South America since 1992 and made the decision to make South America a focal point of his work in 1995. That year, he undertook an ambitious speaking tour of twenty-three Latin American nations, which included audiences with eight heads of state. In these speeches and meetings, he emphasized the region's "stunning and abundant potential." He stated, "Latin America is a rich, peaceful, natural paradise of grandiose mountains and virgin lands. The mountains, rivers and jungles hearken back to the original state of creation, the Garden of Eden." True Father pushed the heads of state to donate contiguous lands for development "as a model for an ideal, international and interracial nation and world."

When that was not forthcoming, Unificationists began purchasing vast tracts of land in the South American interior and established New Hope Farm

outside the town of Jardim (pop. 21,000) in the Brazilian state of Mato Grosso do Sul as the centerpiece of their efforts.

True Father made two declarations to launch this initiative. The Sao Paulo Declaration, delivered on the occasion of True Parents' Day, March 31, 1995, called on Unification Church members worldwide to inherit True Parents' tradition of "loving the earth, loving all things, loving all humankind and loving God, single-mindedly for the realization of God's will." The New Hope Farm Declaration, delivered on April 3, 1995, declared that "people of the world will come together as brothers and sisters here and practice the building of God's nation." True Father delivered additional declarations as the South American providence developed during the late 1990s.

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## April 1, 1941

### True Father Departs Korea to Study in Japan

After graduating from the electrical engineering department of the Kyongsong Institute of Commerce and Industry in Seoul, True Father traveled to Japan to continue his studies. Korea was under Japanese colonial rule, and this was the first time True Father left his native land. In his autobiography, *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, True Father noted that he went “because I felt that I had to have exact knowledge about Japan.”



From the 1943 graduation album of the Waseda Technical High School, Tokyo. True Father stands in the back, center.

Nevertheless, his leave-taking was painful. On the train from Seoul to Pusan, he “couldn’t stop the tears from flowing,” covered himself with his coat and “cried out loud.” It grieved him, he said, “to think that I was leaving my country behind as it suffered under the yoke of colonial rule.”

He promised that he would return, “carrying with me the liberation of my homeland.” True Father boarded the ferry from Pusan to Shimonoseki, Japan, at 2:00 a.m. on April 1, 1941. On arriving in Tokyo, he entered Waseda Koutou Kougakko, a technical engineering school affiliated with Waseda University. He stated that

he chose electrical engineering “because I felt I could not establish a new religious philosophy without knowing modern engineering.”

## **April 1, 1975**

### **Day of Hope Rallies Begin in Korea**



True Father long considered the United States to be the gateway to the world. In early 1975, the church launched activities worldwide based upon its successes in America, particularly True Father's Madison Square Garden rally in September 1974. The initial step was the creation of a global “Day of Hope” team. On January 14, the first global team, which included some 340 American and European members, boarded a chartered jumbo jet in Los Angeles for Tokyo. There they joined forces with an even larger contingent of Japanese members to evangelize and hold Day of Hope rallies in Japan.

After spending nearly 80 days in Japan, the global team of more than 500 members traveled by ferry to Pusan, South Korea, on March 27. There, from April 1 until May 17, they supported massively attended Day of Hope festivals in Pusan, Taegu, Seoul, Incheon, Jeonju, Kwangju, Taejon, Cheongju and Chuncheon. These culminated in the “World Rally for Korean Freedom,” which was held at Yoido Island Plaza in Seoul before an estimated 600,000 to 1.2

million people on June 7.

## April 1, 1980

### ***Today's World* Begins Publication**



The very first issue of *Today's World*.

*Today's World* served as the Unification Church's leading international missionary newsmagazine for thirty-two years, from April 1, 1980 through 2012. It included sermons of True Father and church leaders; extensive coverage, including glossy photographs, of the True Family and their activities; historical testimonies; and reports from missionary outposts in Africa,

South America, the Middle East, Oceania and southern Asia. It provided an indispensable account of international Unificationists, indexed by year, during its years of publication.

In its earlier years, *Today's World* was published out of New York. During the 1990s, it and the movement's World Mission Department relocated to Korea. After 2012, *Today's World* was superseded by Internet and e-publications, notably iPeaceTV and *True Peace Magazine*, which provide international coverage.

## April 1, 1982

## True Father's Trial Begins in New York



True Father acknowledging the crowd following his address.

Opening arguments began in the infamous court trial of United States vs. Sun Myung Moon, on April 1, 1982, leading up to and during the trial; True Father's supporters charged that the prosecution was motivated by racial and religious prejudice. At a rally outside the courthouse in lower Manhattan's Foley Square, True Father famously stated, "If my skin were white and my religion Presbyterian, I would not be here today."

Though Father's attorneys had requested a bench trial alleging that it was difficult to find an unbiased jury, the prosecution objected and the judge denied the motion. The trial lasted six weeks and was held in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.



On May 18, 1982, the jury returned a guilty verdict, and on July 16, 1982, the judge sentenced True Father to 18 months in prison and a \$25,000 fine. True Father's legal team filed every appeal motion available but was ultimately denied. Ironically, in spite of all this, the movement emerged from what Unificationists term "the Danbury Course" on more solid ground than it had been on before. The reason for this was that American public opinion changed. A substantial number of influential Americans, including many of the libertarian persuasion, concluded that True Father had gotten a raw deal.

His imprisonment led to an outcry from religious leaders and civil rights activists, who joined together in solidarity to protest what they saw as the unjust persecution of a religious leader. The movement deftly organized some of this sentiment into a series of "Rallies for Religious Freedom" and amicus curiae briefs supporting True Father's appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. However, the spontaneous support that emerged in op-ed pieces was more effective and consequential. More than any other sequence of events, the Danbury Course was the fulcrum around which the history of the Unification movement in America turned at the time.



Harvard Law Professor Lawrence Tribe speaks out on True Father's behalf.

## April 1, 1998

### True Mother begins 16-city North American *Hoon Dok Hwe* Speaking Tour

True Mother began a 16-city speaking tour of North America, beginning April 1, 1998, in Washington, D.C. The official title of her speaking tour was “Blessed Marriage and Eternal Life.” True Parents conducted a *Hoon Dok Hwe* tour to seventeen cities in Korea from late January until mid-February. True Mother continued the tour in twelve cities in Japan.



Tour participants received a book of excerpts from True Father’s words entitled *True Parents*. True Parents’ speaking tour was an important condition in preparation for the June 13, 1998, Madison Square Garden Blessing linked to 120 million couples worldwide.



True Mother embarked on a 16-city speaking tour from April 1-16, 1998 under the banner: “Blessed Marriage and Eternal Life”. Read the full story and watch historical footage [here](#).

## April 1, 2004

*Dong Ban Gyeok Pa* was a term employed by True Father to mean breaking through at district (*Dong*) and neighborhood (*Ban*) levels. It carried the connotation of “breaking down walls” and eliminating evils as well as gaining support. In Korea, the emphasis was on *Hoon Dok* family churches and *Hoon Dok* grass-roots leaders—that is, local churches and leaders focused on True Parents’ word.

On April 1, 2004, FFWPU-USA President Michael Jenkins announced the launch of *Dong Ban Gyeok Pa* in the United States. The movement immediately convened a National Level Leadership Summit in Ocean City, Maryland, which was followed by regional “bloc” meetings. These were described as times of “honest sharing”—not “look-good reports” but opportunities to empower tribal messiahs. Although top-down providential mobilizations continued, the decentralization model became increasingly prominent in local Unificationist life.

## April 2, 2004

### ACLC Al-Aqsa Mosque Pilgrims Safe after Siege



Begun in 2003, in the heat of the Palestinian Second Intifada, the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI), a project of the Universal Peace Federation, organized several dozen “peace pilgrimages” to Israel, the occupied territories, and, on occasion, to Jordan over the course of the next decade. In its first two years, more than 10,000 religious leaders, civic officials, NGO leaders, professionals, and Unificationists from throughout the world participated in the pilgrimages. American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) participants were prominent in the earliest of these, and a number of them undertook high-risk trips into Gaza.

During the fifth pilgrimage, four MEPI pilgrims went to Al-Aqsa Mosque on the Jerusalem Temple Mount to join Friday prayers and make arrangements for the larger pilgrimage contingent to visit when hundreds of Israeli soldiers stormed the compound. True Father was notified of the situation while in a boat on the Hudson River, where it was his practice to pray for the pilgrimages. With the U.S. State Department, and even the U.S. Marines, at the ready, due to the presence of U.S. citizens inside, the situation was diffused only when Al-Aqsa negotiated the safe exit of the worshipers. Prior to their exit, Imam Bundakji, a member of the MEPI delegation, called from the mosque to say that he might not make it out alive but wanted to tell MEPI’s Jewish delegation that his love for them “remained unchanged.”

## **April 3, 1995**

### **New Hope Farm Declaration**





True Parents offered a number of declarations in conjunction with their providential work in South America in the 1990s. One of the most important was the New Hope Farm Declaration delivered at 5:00 a.m. on April 3, 1995, in front of representative leaders of 160 nations gathered at the New Hope Farm in Brazil.

It was in this **declaration** that True Parents declared the principle of “absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience,” which in 1998 was added as Pledge No. 8 to the Family Pledge. True Parents declared that New Hope Farm Jardim was a training site for practicing this principle; in loving the earth, water and nature; and in showing the world “a community of love transcending skin color, culture and nation.”

## **April 3, 1997**

### **Building True Families for World Peace Rally**



The Building True Families for World Peace Rally in Korea concluded on April 3, 1997, in Seongnam, the twenty-second city where the rally took place. It began on March 13 with the rally in South

Gyeongsang Province.

In each city, True Father gave words of encouragement through the speech “View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation,” while True Mother gave the keynote speech titled “In Search of the Origin of the Universe.” True Father emphasized, “The Returning Lord will come in the flesh and form new relationships based on God’s lineage; he will do so through the international mass Blessing Ceremonies.” (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## April 3, 2007

### Rally to Declare the Beginning of a New Universal Civilization of Peace



True Father declared a “Great Jubilee Year” in 2007. He said the reason for the declaration was the rise of the Pacific Rim Era. On April 3, True Father began a tour in Korea for the purpose of declaring the beginning of a new universal civilization of peace. He spoke in 25 locations of Korea.

The first of the rallies took place on April 3 in the Changwon Stadium in South Gyeongsang Province. More than 9,000 Ambassadors for Peace from the province gathered that day along with guests, relatives and friends of the local members. The program began with entertainment, then a reading from the messages from the spirit world. A Holy Wine ceremony and Holy Burning ceremony were held for all the participants.

True Father delivered the **speech** that he gave on March 17 in Kona, Hawaii, when he declared the dawn of the Pacific Rim Era to

representatives from 120 nations. It was entitled “A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God’s Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World.”

## **April 4, 2002**

### **Ceremony for the Total Liberation of 6,000 Years of Providential History**

On April 4, 2002, the Ceremony for the Total Liberation of Six Thousand Years of Providential History took place at East Garden, New York.



This was a special ceremony that liberated the evil spirits that had blocked central figures within the providence of restoration from completing their responsibilities and one through which the eight levels of liberation were attained. On 2.22 on the lunar calendar, at 0:22 minutes 22 seconds, in connection with the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, True Parents carried out liberation in a prayer. In the prayer True Father said, “Now that we have welcomed an era in which we can newly pioneer and organize, we desire to dedicate this sacred liberation ceremony of all indemnity.” (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## **April 5, 1973**

### **True Father Meets South Vietnam President Nguyễn Văn Thiệu**

On April 5, 1973, True Father met with the visiting president of

South Vietnam, Nguyễn Văn Thiệu. According to Freedom Leadership Foundation (FLF) Special Assistant Mike Leone, “The meetings were very, very successful.” In the late 1960s and early 1970s, one of True Father’s main goals was “to prepare for the fight against communism.”

Since 1969, the FLF had spearheaded the Victory over Communism (VOC) efforts in the United States for the Unification movement. Through the organization, True Father met numerous U.S. senators and congressmen in the early months of 1973, as well as President Thiệu. The meetings were an important step in developing the campaign to fight communism, something that would become one of the defining characteristics and focal points of the movement in the years to come.

## **April 7, 1989**

### **Special Holy Blessings at the World Mission Center**

Three special Holy Blessings were held in New York City in the Grand Ballroom of the World Mission Center on April 7, 1989. These Blessings were significant because there were three categories of Blessing candidates: matched couples, previously married couples, and individuals.

The 42 Couples Blessing consisted of matched couples, connected to the 1,275 Couples Blessing in Korea. The 138 Couples Blessing and 57 Members Single Blessing comprised, respectively, previously married couples and individual members over 60 years old. There were 37 nations represented, and the oldest Single Blessing candidate was an 87-year-old sister from France.

# April 8, 1997

## True Parents proclaim the Era of FFWPU

True Parents proclaimed the Era of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification at a rally at the Central Training Center in Guri, Korea, on April 8, 1997. Approximately 1,000 national messiahs and leaders from Korea and Japan were in attendance as True Father announced that the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) would officially change its name to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU). (Materials provided by the History Compilation Committee)

# April 8, 2013

## Passing of Lady Margaret Thatcher



Former U.K. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher (1925-2013) was a friend of the Unification movement. In 2007, on the 25th anniversary of *The Washington Times*, she sent a

warm video tribute. The following year she accepted the Universal Peace Federation's Leadership and Good Governance Award, and in 2010, on the occasion of True Father's 90th birthday, she sent a hand-written greeting expressing her hope that it would be a "splendid occasion."

Her appreciation stemmed from a common interest in combating global communism and promoting the values of "family, faith, and freedom." She likely was unaware of True Parents' pronouncements regarding an emerging era of women. Nonetheless, her career as a

national and world leader provided a model that resonated with Unification values.

## **April 10, 1960**

### **Parents' Day Established**



True Father at the 47th True Parents' Day celebration.

Parents' Day was the first Holy Day established in the Unification tradition. True Father established it on April 10, 1960 (March 15, according to the lunar calendar). Unificationists observe Parents' Day—now designated as True Parents' Day—on the first day of the third month of the Heavenly Calendar. The establishment of Parents' Day followed True Parents' engagement on March 27, 1960. It signified that God had finally established His first son and daughter as the True Parents of humankind.

True Father later stated, "Parents' Day is the first time since God created all things and humankind that there is one balanced man, one balanced woman, balanced in love, to whom God can descend and with whom He can truly be." Following Parents' Day, True Father established Children's Day (1960), Day of All Things (1963) and God's Day (1968) as Holy Days. They were set up to celebrate the

emergence of the True Family and the foundation upon which a new world can take shape and a new history begin.

## **April 10, 1985**

### **First Interdenominational Conference for Clergy (ICC) Visit to Korea**

Prior to his release from Danbury Federal Correctional Institute, True Father asked American members to focus on educating 70,000 ministers, and on that foundation to send 7,000 ministers to Korea. This request led to the creation of the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance, the 300,000-videotape project, and, beginning in April 1985, the Interdenominational Conference for Clergy (ICC) seminars.



ICC participants pray at the Rock of Tears in Pusan.

Under the theme “Rev. Moon and Korea in the Providence of God,” 64 ministers from 21 denominations attended the first “advanced seminar on Unificationism” from April 10 to 19, 1985. From 1985 to 1988, the U.S. Unification Church sponsored 38 ICC seminars for 7,069 American clergy and religious leaders who traveled to Korea and usually Japan. The “meaning of the 7,000” was connected to the time of Elijah, when throughout Israel God prepared 7,000 people who had never bowed down to Baal (I Kings 19:18). The visits preceded significant breakthroughs in Korean society, including the 1988 Seoul Olympics and eventually True Parents’ meeting with North Korean President Kim Il Sung in 1991.

## **April 10, 1992**

## Women's Federation for World Peace Inaugurated



The Women's Federation for World Peace, chaired by True Mother, sponsored "Sisterhood Ceremonies" during the 1990s.

On April 10, 1992, True Mother delivered the keynote address before a filled Seoul Olympic Stadium at the inauguration of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP). In her speech, True Mother testified to "the reappearance of the True Parents ... the conclusion and final fruit of human history." "The Reverend Sun Myung Moon and I, Hak Ja Han Moon, standing in the position of the True Parents have walked the course of worldwide indemnity so that all humanity may be liberated from their bondage." She stated that "women have the mission to give proper guidance to men who lead lives of moral decadence and disorder" and noted, "the Women's Federation for World Peace must someday develop into a federation of families for world peace."

Established on the foundation of the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia, WFWP has become a women's organization of international scope with members in 143 countries. In 1994, more than 200,000 Korean and Japanese women "came together to create sisterly ties" on thirty-eight occasions under the auspices of WFWP. In 1995, WFWP sponsored "sisterhood ceremonies" between some 8,000 Japanese and American women, culminating in dramatic "bridge crossings" which were moving to many participants, including

former first lady Barbara Bush. She and her husband, former U.S. President George H.W. Bush, subsequently accompanied True Mother and spoke in support of WFWP on a six-city speaking tour of Japan. In 1997, WFWP received general consultative status with the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). As only 11 percent of religious NGOs associated with ECOSOC attain "general" status, this was a signal achievement.

In his Congratulatory Address, True Father proclaimed the beginning of the "Age of Women." Thousands answered the call, and under the direction of True Mother, began a movement that would span the globe. Since its inception, WFWP has become a formidable voice in the struggle for women's rights around the world. The organization holds forums at the United Nations, and continues to do service work and projects that encourage racial and religious reconciliation both locally and abroad.

## **April 10, 1992**

### **42 Muslim Couples Participate in the Holy Blessing**

On April 10, 1992, forty-two Muslim couples took part in the 1,265 Previously Married Couples' Holy Blessing in Seoul, South Korea. Their Blessing was the culmination of an Interreligious Leadership Seminar. True Father termed the participation of Muslims in the wedding "a miracle." In fact, it broke the religious barrier and opened the door for True Father to extend the Blessing to people of a faith other than Unificationism. This was a key stepping-stone toward expanding the providence of the Blessing and instilling interreligious harmony as one of the Unification Church's key pillars. In the years since, the Holy Marriage Blessing has been given to thousands of people of all races, nationalities, and religions.

# April 10, 1997

## Era of the Family Federation Begins

On April 8, 1997, True Father proclaimed: “We have entered the era not just for the unity of Christianity but for the unity of the world. Therefore, as of April 10, we should put aside the name ‘Unification Church’ and instead work under the name of the ‘Family Federation for World Peace and Unification.’” He further stated: “With the completion of the mission of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, the mission of religion has been brought to a conclusion.

For the first time in human history, we have entered a new era that does not require salvation through religion. The objective of the Family Federation lies in transforming families into ideal families, thereby restoring and perfecting God’s ideal of creation and establishing the ideal heavenly world.” True Father noted that until now, religion has focused on the individual. “All religions without exception,” he said, “preached salvation for the individual and never once mentioned salvation for the family, tribe or nation.” The Unification tradition, on the other hand, “is preaching the salvation of the nation and the world based on the family.”

# April 11, 1960

## True Parents’ Holy Wedding



April 11, 1960 (March 16 by the lunar calendar) marked the historic day in the Unification tradition of “the marriage supper of the Lamb.” True Parents joined in holy matrimony in the



Chungpa-dong headquarters church. Wedding decorations were put up in the main hall, the walls and floor were covered with white cloth, and a

platform was erected. When preparations were completed, True Father consecrated the hall with salt. This began the church tradition of consecrating belongings with Holy Salt.

As described by Rev. Young-hwi Kim, True Mother, dressed in a white *hanbok* (the traditional Korean dress) with a long wedding veil over her head and ornaments befitting a bride, came down the stairs from the second floor, arm in arm with True Father. A chorus of “Song of the Banquet” was their wedding march. The ceremony was carried out twice, first in the Western style with a wedding veil, and then in the Korean traditional style with a blue silk *hanbok*, square belt and black hat for the groom and a bridal headpiece and Korean royal dress for the bride.

The offering table for the Holy Wedding was set up according to revelations received from Heaven, with some forty kinds of food in cylindrical columns. After the meal, celebrations were held in the same hall, joyously highlighted by True Parents’ dance. True Father said that because of this ceremony, the Principle and the existence of the Unification Church would become known throughout the entire world, and the Will of God would be accomplished.

## April 11, 1990

### True Parents Meet Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev





Organizers of the 11th World Media Conference, which took place in Moscow in April 1990, learned by late afternoon on the day of True Father's address to the conference, that President Gorbachev had given his approval for a meeting with True Father. Larry Moffitt, who helped organize the media gathering, noted that the "maximum victory" for the Moscow event "was defined early on as a cordial meeting between True Father and Gorbachev." In fact, expectations had risen to the point that a failure to secure such an invitation would have been interpreted as a providential setback. Thus, organizers breathed a collective sigh of relief when True Parents, along with twenty-eight former presidents or prime ministers and several assistants, entered the Kremlin at 4:30 p.m. on April 11, 1990, and were seated in a conference room.

There was an initial meeting of President Gorbachev with all present, which was followed by a private meeting between the president, True Parents, one ambassador and a couple of senior staff. During the 90-minute open meeting, President Gorbachev said that the media conference was "very important" and expressed satisfaction that it had been "very successful so far." True Father thanked him for the opportunity to come to Moscow, explained that all former heads of state at the table were supporting him, and urged him to consider the World Media Conference his "asset."

Dr. Bo Hi Pak, who attended the half-hour private meeting in President Gorbachev's personal office, reported that the president was "completely free, embracing and talkative." The *Segye Ilbo* newspaper reported that President Gorbachev "asked Rev. Moon to help either directly or indirectly in the development of the Soviet Union by using the multinational economic foundations and worldwide organizations of the Unification movement."

# April 12, 1986

## 36 Unificationist-born couples receive the Holy Marriage Blessing



A new era began for the Unification Church on April 12, 1986, at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center in Seoul when True Parents gave the **Holy Marriage Blessing to 36 Unificationist-born couples.**

This was the first Holy Marriage Blessing of Unificationist-born young adults apart from the Marriage Blessings of four of True Parents' own children. On April 8, True Father called candidates in Korea to assemble and began the matching engagement, which continued into the following day. Unificationist-born candidates outside Korea were matched by photograph. Those participating were the sons and daughters of Unificationists who had participated in the 36-, 72-, and 124-Couple Blessings. Through the marriage of their children these early Unificationists became relatives.

In his message to the newly engaged couples, "The New Historical Vanguard," True Father described the occasion as "an amazing providential event." He called upon the young couples to "renew the true tradition of the Unification family" by being "standard-bearers ... for the sake of all the people of the world." He also asked them to "learn the historical lesson" from the Israelites who perished after returning to Canaan "by aiming at worldly goals requiring knowledge, money and power." Finally, he called upon them to be "victorious over the entire world" by going "through suffering that no one else in the world can handle." He advised them to "find the abandoned path that the people of this world would consider worthless. That is the path God is asking you to walk."

## April 13, 2004

### Proclamation of Liberation and Release

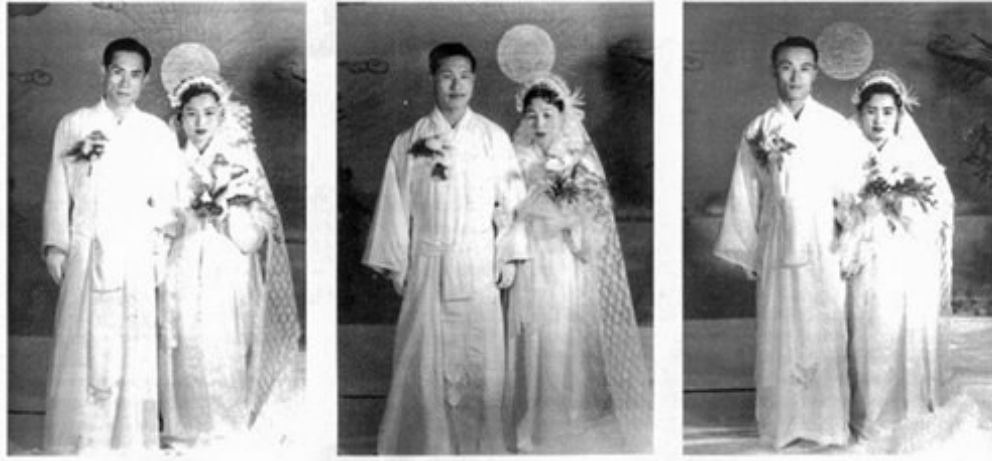


True Father delivered a Proclamation of Liberation and Release on April 13, 2004. He noted that three days earlier, on April 10, he had declared the “release of the angelic world,” the “release of Cain and Abel,” and the “release of the Parents of *Cheon ju*, *Cheon ji*, *Cheon ji-in*” [Parents of the Cosmos, of Heaven and Earth, and of Heaven, Earth and Humankind]. He said he was completing spiritual conditions on many levels that are needed for God to exercise “His authority of all-immanence, all-authority, all-power and all-transcendence.”

Since the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God (January 13, 2001), True Father had proclaimed various realms of liberation. In the Proclamation of Liberation and Release, True Father distinguished between *Hae Bang* (liberation) and *Seok Bang* (total and complete release and freedom). True Father added *Seok Bang* to the Family Pledge on August 20, 2004, meaning that not only sin but any record of sin would be eliminated.

# April 16, 1960

## Three Couples Holy Marriage Blessing



On April 16, 1960, the fifth day following True Parents' Holy Wedding, True Parents blessed three couples in Holy Matrimony. They were Kim Won-pil and Chung Dal-ok; Eu Hyo-won and Sa Gil-ja; and Kim Young-hwi and Chung Dae-hwa. There were a number of providential conditions connected to these couples. True Father noted that they represented the families of Adam, Noah and Abraham. They also were chosen as the resurrected figures of Cain, Abel and Seth in Adam's family. In addition, they were in the position of Jesus' three main disciples and restored archangels.

True Father stated that he required "three disciples" in the position of spiritual children "who will be loyal to him and follow him through persecution, even at the risk of their lives" as a condition for his Holy Wedding. True Father, thereby, engaged the three couples ahead of his wedding. One of the couples had been previously married, one had been previously engaged, and one was "matched" immediately before their engagement. In this way, they were intended to represent all marital situations. The three couples joined 33 additional couples who were blessed in marriage the following year as the Unification Church's original 36 couples.

## **April 16, 1980**

### **True Father Declares the End of the First 21-Year Course**

Unification theology teaches that the course of creation and restoration unfolds according to the three stages of formation, growth and perfection. True Father applied that principle in conducting his ministry. He initially applied it to his individual course upon embarking on his public ministry after World War II. The 21-year course with which Unificationists were most familiar followed True Parents' Holy Wedding in 1960.



True Father described how True Parents walked a family-level course for seven years, followed by a national-level course in which the Unification tradition stabilized itself within Korea, and then a worldwide course during which True Parents planted Unificationism globally. True Father declared that 21-year course to be completed on Parents Day, April 16, 1980. He said that it was to be followed by another 21-year course centered on Unification blessed families. This course, he noted, would be centered first upon deterring the advance of communists and then liberating them. To do so, he said Unificationists must “be superior in God-centered character and in strength of knowledge, experience and organization.” The new 21-year course would be centered upon “Home Church,” which True Father described as the methodology to “liberate the entire world centered on the true love of God.”

## **April 17, 1935**

### **True Father encounters Jesus on Easter morning**

In his autobiography, *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, True Father traces circumstances that led to his profound encounter with Jesus on



Easter morning, 1935. In particular, he notes his exposure to suffering which included the suffering of Korea under Japanese colonial authorities and his family's suffering, which included the loss of five younger siblings during his fifteenth year.

From this time, True Father began to immerse himself in prayer, often at desolate locations. He recounts, "The night before Easter in the year I turned sixteen, I was on Mount Myodu praying all night and begging God in tears for answers." Then, in the early morning, having spent the entire night in prayer, True Father stated that "Jesus appeared before me ... in an instant, like a gust of wind, and said to me, 'God is in great sorrow because of the pain of humankind. You must take on a special mission on earth having to do with Heaven's work.'"

True Father said that Jesus' manifestation "caused my body to shake violently, like quaking aspen leaves trembling in a strong breeze." He said he was "simultaneously overcome with fear so great I thought I might die and gratitude so profound I felt I might explode." Jesus, he recounted, "spoke clearly about the work I would have to do ... saving humanity from its suffering and bringing joy to God." True Father said he was "truly afraid." He wanted "somehow to avoid this mission" and remembers, "I clung to the hem of his clothing and wept inconsolably."

## **April 17, 1960**

**The Day of the Resurrection of *Shimjeong* Proclaimed**

Just after Parents' Day was established in 1960, True Parents proclaimed the Resurrection of *Shimjeong* (Parental Heart) on April 17. It was the day on which all Unificationists who had accepted True Parents inherited the potential to be restored as sons and daughters of the True Parents on the *shimjeong* level. "If you believe in me," True Father said that day, "spiritually you become my sons and daughters on the *shimjeong* level."

## April 18, 2003

### 123 Clergy Take Down Crosses



True Father believed that "deep-rooted conflict between major religious traditions" constituted the background of "violent wars all over the world. It followed that religious leaders should

take the initiative in restoring peace. True Father taught that Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders should resolve their differences as a condition for the cessation of violence. However, this necessitated that Christian clergy acknowledge that "the era of the cross" had passed and, in fact, remove their crosses, which had been a barrier between the first and second Israel.

The "Take Down the Cross" initiative crystallized in early 2003. In February, True Father asked Unification Church and American Clergy Leadership Conference leaders to educate Christian clergy in Unification theology. At the beginning of March, he called upon clergy to remove crosses from their churches. The goal was that on April 18, Good Friday, 120 ACLC clergy nationwide would have a public ceremony to take down the cross.

That goal was met. As reported by Michael Jenkins, who at the time was the president of HSA-USA: "123 clergy took down their crosses

over the Easter weekend ... supported by another 135 clergy. ... All told, 258 clergy directly affirmed the taking down of the cross, proclaiming an end to the era of bloodshed and sacrifice and the beginning of a new era of faith and resurrection.” Though controversial in some quarters, their action launched the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) which brought 10,000 clergy and Ambassadors for Peace to the Holy Land over the following two years.

## **April 19, 2000**

### **True Mother Completes 12-City U.S. Tour**

Giving a public speech every day for 12 days in a row, True Mother crisscrossed the country, completing the 12-city United States leg of her 2000 World Speaking Tour from April 8 to 19. The tour had been undertaken following Phase One of the 400 Million Couple Holy Blessing and True Father’s 80th birthday. True Mother spoke on “The Path for America and Humanity in the Last Days” to capacity audiences throughout the country. She challenged the United States to fulfill its providential destiny in living for the sake of others.

For the tour finale in New York City, approximately 3,000 people squeezed into Avery Fisher Hall, a concert hall that is part of Manhattan’s famous Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. True Mother received awards and gifts from the Nation of Islam, the True Family Values Clergy Coalition, and the Family Federation. She then selected from a basket the number which would indicate the lucky recipients of 24-carat “Pure Love” rings. At the end of the program, True Mother presented the Living for the Sake of Others Award to persons and organizations who had demonstrated the spirit of living for the sake of others.

## April 20, 1955

### Rev. Young Hwi Kim Joins the Movement



Young Hwi Kim and Dae Hwa Chung receive the Holy Marriage Blessing.

Rev. Young Hwi Kim (b. 1928), who with his wife were one of the original three couples engaged by True Parents prior to their own Holy Wedding, joined the Unification movement on April 20, 1955. He had studied electrical engineering at Seoul National University and joined the first class of Korea's Special Air Force Academy in 1953. He subsequently served the Unification movement in various leadership positions over the last sixty years.

Following Rev. Hyo Won Eu's passing in 1970, he became the second president of the Korean Unification movement. He was the lecturer at the first Divine Principle workshop in the United States overseen by True Parents and author of *The Divine Principle Study Guide, Part 1*. He served as a regional leader representing True Parents in several European countries and as their envoy to the United Kingdom. In 2013, Rev. Kim represented True Mother in a five-city U.S. revival tour. He also served as director of the *Cheon Seong Gyeong* project in Korea.

## April 21, 2007

### Hirokazu Ota Released by Paraguayan Kidnappers

Hirokazu Ota, a longtime Japanese Unification Church leader, Japanese national messiah to Paraguay, and



president of the Unificationist-affiliated land management company in Paraguay, was kidnapped at gunpoint, along with his secretary, on April 1, 2007. Asian people there (Koreans, Japanese, Chinese) were thought to be rich and are frequently targeted by criminals.



Mr. Ota, his secretary and two bystanders, one of whom was a police officer, were abducted while traveling by car. The kidnapping gang, which was thought to involve as many as 25 people, raised the initial ransom demand from \$25,000 to \$300,000. Negotiations were difficult, with Mr. Ota and his companions being relocated numerous times as the kidnappers attempted to stay ahead of Paraguayan authorities.

In the end, through the efforts of the Paraguayan police, the Japanese Embassy, the Church and company officials, a reported \$138,000 ransom was paid and Mr. Ota was released in Ciudad del Este, a city on the eastern border with Brazil. Mr. Ota recounted his harrowing experience in several news conferences and testimonies. The following year, the Brazilian kidnapping ringleader was shot to death by Paraguayan police in a gunfight.

## April 22, 1980

### ***Noticias del Mundo*** Established



True Father founded the Spanish-language newspaper *Noticias del Mundo* on April 22, 1980, as an effort to begin a relationship with the Hispanic community in the United States and Latin America that would help turn the tide against communist infiltration of the Western Hemisphere.

Earlier, True Father set up the anti-communist educational organization CAUSA and sent Dr. Bo Hi Pak to meet officials in Latin America. In his remarks at its inauguration, Dr. Pak, the paper's founding president and publisher, expressed True Father's desire for Spanish-speaking Americans to help shape the nation's future and to correct misunderstandings and misrepresentations in the North American press. Leadership of *Noticias Del Mundo* later passed to Phillip V. Sanchez, the former U.S. ambassador to Honduras and Colombia.

## April 24, 2015

### Gerhard Peemoeller, “Bodyguard for Christ,” Ascends



During the 1970s, a towering figure was always in close proximity to True Parents and members of their family. He was Gerhard Peemoeller, or “Big Gerhard,” as he also was known. An impressive 6 feet 6 inches in stature, Gerhard joined the Unification movement in 1972 and came to the

United States in 1973. From the moment he encountered Unificationists in his home country of Germany, Gerhard was infused with the desire to be a “bodyguard for Christ,” ignited by a vision he had while praying.

On coming to the United States he was given the opportunity to join True Parents' security team for speaking tours and later at East Garden. Eventually he became one of three traveling bodyguards for True Parents. In his book *Bodyguard for Christ: One Disciple's Experience Protecting the Messiah*, Gerhard emphasized that the most important aspect of his job was internal unity with True Parents. He outlined the conditions he set for the safety and

protection of the children and relatives of True Parents, including a daily breakfast fast, washing and waxing a car every day that True Parents weren't at East Garden, and praying constantly while on duty. After 1980, he became a leader in the Ocean Church and pioneered work in Virginia.

It took him seven years to start to like fishing, but he eventually started to feel like a real fisherman and gained the respect of other fishermen. Gerhard was blessed with Nobuko Komura in 1976 as part of the 74 couples' Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony. He was survived by his wife and seven children.

## **April 27, 2002**

### **144,000 Interfaith Clergy Blessing**



Based on the Interfaith Marriage Blessing of 60 clergy couples on May 27, 2001 (which included Archbishops Emmanuel Milingo and George A. Stallings, among others), True Father called for a 12,000 Couple Clergy Blessing at New York's Madison Square Garden in September 2001. That was postponed due to the terrorist attacks of 9/11. Instead, True Father announced a Marriage Blessing for 144,000 clergy couples around the world on April 27, 2002.

The main venue was the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, for some 700 representative clergy couples. Thousands of other couples participated in all 50 U.S. states and 196 nations via satellite connection. Commendations for the Blessing came from four U.S. governors and 25 members of Congress, including several U.S. senators. United Press International, Associated Press, ABC National, CBS local, *The Washington Times* and many Spanish-language and African-American newspapers covered the event.

Religious leaders from every faith tradition offered prayers. Thirty couples came from the Nation of Islam, directly sent by the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan. Twenty-one Buddhist couples came from Korea. More than 21 Sikh leaders came from the Washington area. True Parents declared that the interreligious and international ceremony was a “total victory.” Pastor T.L. Barrett Jr. from Chicago, who helped organize the event, declared, “Father [Moon] is a marrying man! He wants everything to be married. He would like a desk and chair or even the two light bulbs to be married, if possible.”



**April 29, 2010**

## Coronation for the Establishment of the Abel UN and celebratory luncheon for True Parents' Golden Wedding Anniversary



On the foundation of “Legacy of Peace” ceremonies held at the UN headquarters (March 18) and in Washington, D.C. (April 1), New York (April 2), Las Vegas (April 3), Hawaii (April 9), and Korea (April 13), True Parents conducted the Coronation for the Establishment of the Abel UN and hosted a luncheon celebrating their golden wedding anniversary at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center with some 1,000 guests from around the world on April 29, 2010.

A congratulatory address was given by the Venerable Un San, former president of Taego Buddhism in Korea, who gave his deepest respect to True Parents who have “offered themselves for the actualization of a peaceful, ideal world.” The ceremony was prepared as a traditional Korean royal wedding. Afterward True Parents conducted the world-level Golden Wedding Anniversary for the Establishment of the Abel UN and Ascension Festival in Las Vegas on May 9.

# April 30 ~ May 2, 1991

## Soviet Officials Visit the United States, Hear CAUSA Lectures



The demise of Marxism as a viable ideology created a serious void for the USSR. True Parents' meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on April 11, 1990, opened the way for the Unification Church to sponsor seminars for Soviet officials and eventually Divine Principle workshops for thousands of Soviet university students and professors.

In December 1990 and February 1991, the church sponsored seminars for 80 deputies of the Supreme Soviet (federal, republic and city levels) in which they received lectures on Victory over Communism (VOC) theory as well as briefings on the underpinnings of U.S. democracy. Then, from April 30 to May 2, 1991, the church sponsored an unprecedented seminar and fact-finding tour in Washington, D.C., for approximately 200 high-ranking Soviet officials and political leaders who were introduced to True Father's thought and achievements. Dr. Thomas Ward, who lectured, noted, "This was the only time during the final years of the Soviet Union that any person, government or private organization brought together representatives from all 15 Soviet republics."

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## May 1, 1954

**The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of  
World Christianity (HSA-UWC) Founded**



True Father established the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC, or Unification Church) on May 1, 1954. The armistice agreement ending the Korean War was signed in July 1953, and in September True Father moved from Pusan to Seoul. There, with four early followers, True Father established the new association.

According to Dr. David S.C. Kim, who was present, True Father submitted three possible names, two of which “were so complicated that we could not even comprehend the meaning of the Chinese characters.” True Father stated in his autobiography that the group chose HSA-UWC “to signify that we belonged to no denomination, and ... had no plans to create a new one.” He said:

“I did not want to place ourselves in this separatist type of category. My hope was for the rise of a church without a denomination. True religion tries to save the nation, even if it has to sacrifice its own religious body to do so. ... It was necessary to hang out a church sign, but in my heart I was ready to take it down at any time.”

The small group of believers gathered outside a very modest house in a very unremarkable Seoul neighborhood. Korea itself was barely beginning to recover from the devastation of the Korean War, which had ended in armistice less than ten months earlier. In his autobiography *As a Peace Loving Global Citizen*, True Father reflected on the ironies of those days:

“People in the neighborhood laughed at our sign. They made fun of us, asking what kind of world unification we dreamt of in that tiny little house that ‘you have to crawl to get into.’ They didn’t try to find out why we had chosen that name. They simply looked at us as if we were crazy.”

## **May 1, 1966**

***Wolli Kangron (Exposition of the Divine Principle)***

**Published**

Following his encounter with Jesus on April 17, 1935, True



Father dedicated himself to solving the fundamental problems of God, humankind, nature and history. The fruit of his investigation is the Divine Principle.



According to Won Pil Kim, True Father kept a notebook with notes about the Divine Principle, which he carried with him into North Korea in 1946. Unfortunately, it was lost during his incarceration in Heungnam Prison. Afterward, on arriving in Pusan, True Father began writing *Wolli Wonbon* (Original Text of the Divine Principle), which he finished on May 10, 1952.

It circulated as a hand-written manuscript for several years until superseded by *Wolli Haesul* (Explanation of Divine Principle) in 1957. *Wolli Haesul* was prepared by Hyo Won Eu, based on *Wolli Wonbon* and guidance from True Father.

In the early 1960s, True Father directed Rev. Eu to prepare a new text with a more systematic structure and additional content. It was published as *Wolli Kangron* (Exposition of the Divine Principle) on May 1, 1966. It has served as the authorized version of Divine Principle to the present. *Wolli Kangron* was translated into English in two official versions, *Divine Principle* (1973) and *Exposition of the Divine Principle* (1996). It is one of the “Eight Great Textbooks” that True Father designated as his “last words to humankind.”

**May 1, 1969**

## **Holy Blessing of 22 Japanese Couples**

True Parents' Blessing of 22 Japanese couples in holy matrimony on May 1, 1969, in Tokyo was the third of three Blessings that comprise what is known as the 43 Couples Blessing. The first was the Holy Blessing of 13 American couples on February 28, 1969, at Upshur House in Washington, D.C. The second was the Holy Blessing of eight European couples in Essen, Germany, on March 28, 1969. These were all conducted during True Parents' Second World Tour and came on the foundation of the 430 Couple Holy Blessing conducted in Korea in 1968. They were the first Holy Blessings conducted outside Korea and signified the Unification Church's expansion to the worldwide level.

## **May 1, 1994**

### **True Father Introduces Family Pledge**

On HSA-UWC's 40th anniversary, May 1, 1994, True Father introduced the "Family Pledge." It displaced "My Pledge," which had expressed Unification Church members' standard of attendance since 1961.

According to Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, continental director of the church in North America at that time, My Pledge represented the individual's pledge.

Family Pledge signified the transition to the family era. True Father stated that reciting Family Pledge "means we have crossed over the barriers and are now on God's side." He noted that the fullest exemplification of this was that "all paragraphs of Family Pledge begin with the phrase 'centered on

true love.”

## **May 2, 2004**

### **2004 World Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament Begins in Yeosu**



The opening ceremony  
of the 2004 World  
Peace King Cup Fishing  
Tournament was held at  
Heung-guk Gymnasium

on May 2, 2004. The event, which was hosted by the World Sports Fishing Federation, a providential organization, attracted around 3,000 lovers of angling. The tournament took place in the sea off Yeosu. At the awards ceremony on May 5, True Father said, “When the winners from each country partake in the fishing tournament, win prizes and achieve a pastime satisfaction in which all are happy, a nation on earth can be formed in which all are equal.”

## **May 3, 1976**

### **Unificationists Clean Manhattan and the Bronx**

True Father launched an  
“America the Beautiful”  
project on May 3, 1976,  
as part of the “God  
Bless America”



campaign on the



occasion of the United

States' 200th anniversary. More than 1,000

Unificationists from across the nation took up brooms and dustpans to clean the New York City boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx. Dressed in white jumpsuits with the God Bless America Festival logo on the back, they cleaned in their witnessing area every morning from 7 to 8.

The cleanup project was intended to raise awareness for the upcoming "God Bless America Festival" at Yankee Stadium on June 1 at which True Father would deliver an address on "God's Hope for America." The Unificationist folk-rock band Sunburst provided free lunch-hour concerts, and hundreds of additional Unificationists arrived for the final push, spearheading street rallies and massive ticket distribution efforts.

## May 5, 2004

True Father declares *An Shi Il* (New Sabbath) and "The Era after the Coming of Heaven"



On May 1, 2004, the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC), or Unification Church, observed the 50th anniversary of its founding. In connection with this observance, True Father made two bold announcements—first, that the Sabbath had been fulfilled and that he was proclaiming *Ahn Shi Il*, the Day of Attendance of Safe Settlement, to be observed by Unificationists every eighth day.

The first *Ahn Shi Il* was conducted on May 5. On that day, True Father made the second announcement: that a great transition from “the era before the coming of heaven” to “the era after the coming of heaven” had taken place. The key implication of this providential announcement was that world peace, which had been impossible to achieve during “the era before the coming of heaven,” was now possible. This, in particular, was understood to be the reason why the United Nations, born prior to “the era after the coming of heaven,” had not been able to fulfill its mission.

True Father’s proclamation of a new Sabbath and “the era after the coming of heaven” culminated trends in his thought and practice that he had introduced previously, including his declaration that the “providence of salvation” was “over,” that “blessed families” should pray in their own names, that humankind had entered an era “beyond the realm of the Fall,” that a time of “high noon” with “no shadows” had arrived, that the time of “indirect dominion” had passed and that “God is now directly teaching and instructing us.”

**May 5, 2005**

**New FFWPU Headquarters Building Dedicated in  
Korea**



The dedication ceremony for the new FFWPU Headquarters building was held on May 5, 2005, with the attendance of True Parents. The headquarters consisted of four floors under ground level and nine floors above ground level. Construction began in June 2003 and took a little over two years. Some 1,000 people gathered for the ceremony.

True Father offered a simple prayer in the lobby before cutting the tape. True Parents then presided over the sprinkling of holy salt to sanctify the new building. True Father wrote calligraphy for the new building: “Mansei for the Kingship of Peace throughout Heaven and Earth” (unofficial translation)

and then went up to the 8th floor to participate in the main ceremony.

## May 5, 2013

### Joint Worship Service for Kickoff of Vision 2020



Prior to Foundation Day 2013, True Mother declared, “Foundation Day is not the end. Until we liberate all humanity

and bring back all 6.5 billion people to Heaven, we have to offer our utmost effort.” In line with this commitment, True Mother announced the “2020 Vision,” which launched Unificationists on a new seven-year trajectory. True Mother’s stated intention was to “substantiate” Cheon Il Guk and, in particular, offer Korea “to Heaven” on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of True Father’s birthday in 2020.

The “Joint Worship Service for Victory of Vision 2020” was held at the Cheongshim Peace World Center on May 5. Forty-three students from the Universal Peace Academy entered the stadium holding the flags of the 43 strategic and providential nations which would take the lead this effort. True Mother asked that all families who had received the Holy Marriage Blessing and all young people born into the Unificationist faith carry on True Parents’ tradition of absolute faith in fulfilling their mission as tribal messiahs and expand the scope of our responsibilities beyond the tribe to the society, nation and world, so that all humankind can become

citizens of Cheon Il Guk.

## **May 6, 1973**

### **The Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA)**

#### **Founded**



The Professors World  
Peace Academy (PWPA)  
was founded by True  
Father during an  
assembly of 168

Japanese and Korean professors, to “contribute to the solutions of urgent problems facing our modern civilization and to help resolve the cultural divide between East and West.”

The organization held discussions on healing historical tensions, first in Korea and Japan, then spreading around the world to more than a hundred countries. PWPA sponsored a providentially significant conference on “The Fall of the Soviet Empire” in 1985. PWPA-related scholars wrote important works through Paragon House and published the *International Journal on World Peace* quarterly. PWPA is a major supporter of the University of Bridgeport.

## **May 6, 1982**

### **New York State Court of Appeals Declares**

#### **Unification Church a Bona Fide Religion**

The Unification Church was embroiled in near-constant litigation from 1975 to 1985. Though this was costly and time consuming, several decisions, won on appeal, gained the Church gradual recognition as a bona fide religion with tax exemption privileges, public solicitation rights and access to missionary visas. In addition, the Church was able to extend constitutional protections to its adherents and successfully press for action against deprogrammers.

By unanimously overturning lower court decisions which had refused to recognize the Unification Church's religious purposes, the New York Court of Appeals in *HSA-UWC v. Tax Commission of New York City* [1772], decided on May 6, 1982, held as a matter of law that the Unification Church was a *bona fide* religion entitled to tax exemption privileges.

## May 8, 2001

### Harlem, New York Welcomes True Parents



Some 2,800 clergy and faithful packed Harlem's historic Canaan Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, March 8, 2001, to welcome True Parents and a host of national religious leaders. The visit, at the invitation of New York clergy and hosted by civil rights pioneer Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, celebrated the successful interfaith tour of 52 cities in 52 days entitled "We Will Stand." With the theme "Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, Renew the Nation and World," the tour emphasized the need for the faith community to work together beyond race and denomination for the healing and renewal of America. The tour reached over 100,000 people, including 14,000 clergy.

True Father's keynote address was "God Is Our King and True Parent." He explained that to establish a new era, all people of faith must follow three immutable laws. First, he said, do not stain your lineage through sexual immorality and infidelity. Second, he said, do not infringe upon or violate human rights, which are based upon the equal value of every human being in the eyes of God. Third, do not steal or abuse money or property selfishly, at the expense of others. His direct and challenging words drew strong applause and repeated shouts of "Amen."

## **May 9, 2010**

**A Tribute to True Parents' Golden Wedding Anniversary and "Legacy of Peace" Honorees**





Twelve hundred guests gathered in the Aria Hotel in Las Vegas to pay tribute to the 50th wedding anniversary of True Parents and participate in the final “Legacy of Peace” program in a series that began at the United Nations in March. Organized by the Universal Peace Federation, the event focused on True Parents’ lifelong vision to establish a global community of nations and religions—an “Abel UN”—guided by the ideal of “one family under God.” It was held during the year of True Father’s 90th birthday and the publication of his autobiography.

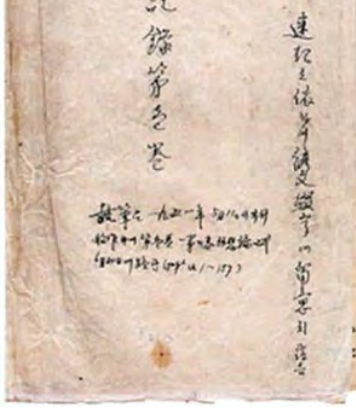
The “Legacy of Peace” program honored those recently deceased persons who had contributed to the cause of world peace during their lifetime. Highlights of the program included interfaith prayer by religious leaders, congratulatory remarks by Neil Bush, and True Father’s three-hour speech on “The Establishment of the Abel UN and the Completion of God’s Kingdom of Cheon Il Guk in Korea.”

## May 10, 1952

**True Father Completes the Original Text of Divine Principle**



In his autobiography, *As a Peace-Loving Global*



Front cover of the original  
Divine Principle manuscript

*Citizen*, True Father states that he began writing the original version of *Divine Principle* (*Wolli Wonbon*) in a shelter for laborers in Pusan. This was in late April or May 1951. He continued writing it after he

moved in August with Won Pil Kim, his first disciple, to a small hut they constructed on a hillside overlooking Pusan Harbor.

True Father spent much of his time writing on top of a large rock. He would write several pages a day and have Won Pil Kim read them back to him at night. Sometimes True Father worked by the light of a lantern in their hut. Won Pil Kim recounts that True Father woke him once in the middle of the night and dictated an entire section which Won Pil Kim recorded non-stop.

True Father noted that on the day he finished writing *Wolli Wonbon*, he put his pencil down and prayed, "The moment has come for me to evangelize. Please send me the saints to whom I may give witness." That very day, Hyun Shil Kang, a young female theological student, visited the hut to evangelize and became a follower. Copies of *Wolli Wonbon* circulated as hand-written manuscripts for several years until superseded by *Wolli Haesul* (Explanation of Divine Principle) in 1957.

# May 10, 2015

## True Mother Celebrates 50 Years of the Unification Movement in Europe



In August 1954, David Sang Cheol Kim went to Wales as the first Unificationist overseas missionary. In June 1963, Peter Koch arrived in Germany as the first Unificationist missionary to the European mainland. However, the European Unification Movement considers True Father's visit to Europe in July 1965, as part of his first worldwide tour through 40 countries, to be its true beginning. At that time, True Father dedicated 19 Holy Grounds in Europe, planting Korean soil and stones in various cities such as Amsterdam, Brussels, Luxembourg, Paris, Geneva, Vaduz, Vienna, Rome and Athens.

In a series of events from May 9 to 15, 2015, the European movement celebrated its 50th anniversary. The major event was in Vienna, Austria, on May 10, when True Mother spoke to a gathering of over 2,400 friends and members from all over Europe in Vienna's largest conference hall. True Mother said, "I came here today with a fluttering heart—with the heart a parent experiences when visiting a daughter after

sending her off to marriage fifty years earlier, the heart felt when visiting a son that had left home.” She noted that “Christianity and Christian culture bloomed centered on Europe” and called on Unificationists to “awaken European Christians, who are unaware that the returning Messiah ... has emerged as the True Parents and that for fifty years they have accomplished amazing things.”

## **May 11, 1955**

### **Student Members Expelled from Ewha Womans University**



Ewha Womans University expelled students for the simple reason of their attending the Unification Church. This case represents the religious oppression that occurred just a year after the founding of the Unification Church. The school, which has a Christian background, had fired five professors the previous March for the same reason. Later, these expelled students transferred to Sookmyung Women's University and other universities to complete their studies. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee.)

# May 11, 1985

## True Father Receives Honorary Doctorate from Shaw University Divinity School

On May 11, 1985, Shaw University Divinity School in Raleigh, North Carolina, awarded True Father an honorary doctorate of divinity. The award was especially meaningful in that Shaw made the award while True Father was incarcerated in the Federal Correctional Institution at Danbury, Connecticut.



True Mother accepts an honorary doctorate on True Father's behalf from Shaw Divinity School in North Carolina.

Dr. Joseph Paige, Shaw University's executive vice president, later declared, "It was the first time that a major institution in America had been bold enough and honest enough and serious enough to honor this great leader." He said True Father was being awarded for "his Christian leadership, his strong fight against communism and communist aggression, and his outstanding contribution in support of religious liberty, world peace, racial, economic and social justice, ecumenism and, more specifically, the unity of world Christianity."

True Mother accepted the award for True Father and delivered the acceptance speech. She stated that True Father shared with Shaw University and the Divinity School a commitment to international,

interreligious and interracial harmony.

# May 11, 2015

## True Mother, UPF and FFWPU Designate a Donation of \$1 million to Nepal Earthquake Victims



On April 25, 2015, a major earthquake killed over 8,000 people and injured more

than 21,000 in Nepal. It was the worst disaster in that country since 1934. It also triggered a landslide on Mount Everest that killed 21 people. Hundreds of thousands of people were made homeless, with entire villages flattened across many districts of the country. Centuries-old buildings were destroyed at UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Kathmandu Valley.

In response, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) and True Mother designated a donation of US \$1 million to Nepal to be used as relief for the victims. Of this amount, \$500,000 went to the Prime Minister's Disaster Relief Fund, while the other half went to FFWPU-Nepal for distribution.

Ek Nath Dhakal, chairman of UPF Nepal, said, “These funds will be utilized to provide relief and recovery to the earthquake victims.” Prime Minister Sushil Koirala was quoted as saying: “We clearly remember all the

great work of Father and Mother Moon to Nepal. For that reason, Nepal has a high regard for Father and Mother Moon.” The Nepalese had received True Parents very well at the national level on numerous occasions.



**May 12, 2003**

**First Middle East Peace Pilgrimage Begins**



At the height of the Second Intifada (2000-2005) and the beginning of the second Iraq War, True Parents launched what was to become the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI), a project initially of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and later of its successor, the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). The MEPI concept was based upon

True Father's vision of interreligious peacemaking and his conviction that the resolution of conflict, particularly in Israel, was integral to world peace. This was especially true for the Middle East.

True Father believed that Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders needed to resolve their differences as a condition for the cessation of violence. This lay behind his call for Christian clergy to "take down the cross" and undertake a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to be reconciled with their Jewish brethren.

The first of the MEPI pilgrimages took place from May 12 to 19, 2003, and included 131 clergy. They traveled first to Rome, and then to Israel. They visited holy and historical sites at both locations. However, their main purposes were to bury the cross and reconcile, at least symbolically, with Jewish brethren, both of which they accomplished. Thousands of interreligious peacemakers traveled to the Holy Land under MEPI auspices between 2003 and 2014. MEPI events have included peace missions and fact-finding tours, service and youth activities, cultural programs, and conferences.

## **May 13, 1976**

### **New Yorker Hotel Purchased**



The Unification Church purchased the New Yorker Hotel at Eighth Avenue and 34th Street in the New York City



borough of Manhattan  
on May 13, 1976.

The 43-story, 1,083-room hotel, which first opened in 1930, is near Pennsylvania Station, Madison Square Garden, Times Square and the Empire State Building. Much like its contemporaries the Empire State Building (1931) and the Chrysler Building (1930), the New Yorker was designed in the Art Deco style popular at the time.

When the 1 million-square-foot hotel opened, it contained 2,500 rooms, making it the city's largest for many years and one of the most fashionable during the 1940s and 1950s. A pronounced decline in New York's fortunes in the late 1960s and early 1970s, coupled with the construction of new, more modern hotels, caused the New Yorker to become unprofitable, and it was vacant for several years before being purchased by the church for a reported \$5.6 million.

It served as the Unification Church's World Mission Center from 1976 to 1994. In 1994, the church converted a portion of the building to use as a hotel again. The New Yorker joined the Ramada chain in 2000 and the Wyndham chain in 2014. The New Yorker served as a staging area for the 1982 Holy Blessing of 2,075 Couples in Madison Square Garden and for many of True Parents' speeches and providential activities.

## **May 13, 1993**

**“True Parents and the Completed Testament Age”**

## Speaking Tour Begins

On January 10, 1993, True Father announced the transition that day “to the Completed



Testament Era.” Three months later, on April 10, the Unification Church published a statement, “True Parents and the Completed Testament Age,” in the newspapers of 160 nations. The next month, on May 13, True Parents began a speaking tour of 33 U.S. cities under the same theme.

True Father spoke in the first 12 cities from May 13 to 24. True Mother then covered 21 cities from May 26 to June 28. The tour was extended to include 23 additional cities during July, thereby covering all fifty states. True Mother delivered the address at the U.S. Capitol and the United Nations, which was a springboard to the world tour. She conducted 25 rallies in Japan, 40 in Korea, and another 40 in countries throughout the world.

The speech testified to “the establishment of the first True Family.” True Father declared: “My wife and I, together with our thirteen children and twenty-four grandchildren, are absolutely dedicated to serving God and humanity. With three generations in one family, we have achieved on the family level the central root, the central trunk and the central bud of the ‘Tree of Life’ mentioned in the Bible. It is our sincere hope that you will symbolically graft into this lineage by joining us in our efforts to create an ideal nation and world. This marks the beginning of the

Completed Testament Age.”

**May 14, 1984**

## **U.S. Supreme Court Declines True Father’s Appeal**



Harvard Law scholar Lawrence Tribe speaking on True Father’s court proceedings at the Federal Court House in New York.

In his book *Inquisition, The Persecution and Prosecution of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon*, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Carlton Sherwood argued that True Father’s 1981 conviction on tax evasion charges was the result of “the most intensive and expensive criminal tax investigation of any religious figure in U.S. history.”

However, the conviction had the effect of generating broad-based public support for True Father. By April 1984, forty groups and individuals representing more than 120 million Americans had filed *amicus curiae* briefs in support of his appeal, including the National Association of Evangelicals, the National Conference of Black Mayors, the National Bar Association, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the attorneys general of Hawaii, Oregon and Rhode Island, Eugene McCarthy and Clare Boothe

Luce.

The Supreme Court's refusal on May 14, 1984, to review True Father's petition, despite this groundswell of support, set off a series of "Rallies for Religious Freedom." Even *The Washington Post*, no friend of the church or the competing *Washington Times*, editorialized that "the case deserves attention and full Supreme Court review." Ironically, the church emerged from True Father's conviction on more solid ground than it had been before.

## May 15, 1961

### 33 Couples Holy Blessing Ceremony

True Parents conducted the 33 Couple Holy Blessing in the Chungpa-Dong Church Headquarters on May 15, 1961. Together with the Three Couples



whom True Parents blessed on April 16, 1960, they comprise the 36 Couple Blessing group.

True Father called them the "ancestors" of all the blessed couples to come after them. He also regarded them as "the representatives of all types of people on earth" and viewed them as being needed to "pave the way to the Kingdom of Heaven and act as guides for others." True Father explained that the 36 Couples consisted of three groups of 12, symbolizing the Old Testament, New Testament and

Completed Testament ages. They also were wedded in three phases: the first at dawn, the second during the day, and the third at night.

True Father recalled that the 33 Couple Blessing Ceremony was held “amid great confusion and chaos.” He noted, “The parents of the 33 Couples came swarming about the place, shouting all kinds of insults at us and creating a continuous uproar. Some went so far as to send dozens of anonymous letters to the court of justice, demanding I be sent to jail; as a result, I had to appear in court on several occasions.” According to True Father, the parents were upset that he “brought together other people’s children and married them at my own discretion, without discussing it with the parents at all.” He recalled, “We finally had to have someone stand guard at the door before we could go through with the ceremony.”

## **May 15, 1974**

### **The Sun Myung Moon Christian Crusade Begins**



The Unification movement hoped to reap a harvest of new members as a result of True Father’s 7-City, 21-

City and 32-City Day of Hope tours from 1972 to 1974. To facilitate this, the movement launched a Sun Myung Moon Christian Crusade (SMCC) 10-city “Celebration of Life” tour that evangelized in each of the ten regions of the country. Beginning in the Bay Area, the itinerary included stops in Seattle; St. Paul, Minnesota; Austin, Texas; New Orleans; Miami; Columbus, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; Boston; and Rochester, New York.

Billed as “A 21st Century Experience,” programs included an hour and fifteen minutes of entertainment—songs, solos, skits, dances and testimonials—followed by forty-five minutes of inspiration from “God’s Colonel” Bo Hi Pak, on key points of the Unification Principle. Week long stops in each city featured a Celebration of Life weekend workshop.

As a result of tour innovations, advance preparation and media coverage, the Celebration of Life drew substantial crowds. SMCC’s “World Premiere” from May 15 to 17, 1974, at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland, California, drew 2,600 guests and 34 participants for a weekend workshop in the Santa Cruz Mountains. By Boston, the three-day total was up to 7,562. Equally important was the emergence of the New Hope Singers International and the Korean Folk Ballet. Both would make signal contributions to the culminating eight-city Day of Hope tour, scheduled to begin in September 1974 at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

**May 15, 1987**

## **Citizens Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland Inaugurated**

True Father inaugurated the Citizens Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (CFUF) at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center in Seoul, Korea, on May 15, 1987. Its purpose was to facilitate the long-cherished hope and desire of the Korean people for the unification of their homeland. However, True Father viewed the re-unification of Korea in larger terms: "Korea's problems are a smaller version of the world's problems, and the solution of the world's problems is essentially linked with Korea's problems." In particular, he saw the division of Korea as a manifestation of a global confrontation between theism and atheism. The solution to the problem was Godism and "Head-wing" thought which transcended the "ego-centered or power-oriented" thought of left- and right-wing movements.

True Father launched CFUF at a propitious time. He noted that the movement of international communism was "coming to its final phase" and that Korea was about to emerge on the world stage through the 1988 Seoul Olympics. This opened the way for the founding of the *Segye Times* newspaper, True Parents' eventual meeting with North Korean President Kim Il Sung and activities promoting peaceful reunification that followed. CFUF, as a grassroots and high-level educational movement, played a significant role in these developments.

# May 16, 1995

## True Father Begins 17-Nation Speaking Tour in South America

True Father believed that the unity of North and South America was a providential necessity that would set a condition for the unification of North and South Korea. To that end, he launched CAUSA activities in Latin America during the 1980s and began investing directly in South America during the 1990s. Beginning on May 16, 1995, True Father undertook an ambitious speaking tour of 17 Latin American nations, which included audiences with eight heads of state.



In these speeches and meetings he emphasized the region's "stunning, and abundant, potential." As he put it: "There are seemingly unlimited natural resources, and the human energies have hardly begun to be tapped. Latin America is a rich, peaceful, natural paradise of grandiose mountains and virgin lands. The mountains, rivers and jungles [hark] back to the original state of creation, the Garden of Eden." Contemplating "the glory-filled days that await Latin America in the 21st century," he counseled leaders to "not follow the footsteps of the developed nations," blindly repeating "environmental errors" and falling into selfish materialism.

True Father hoped to persuade the governments of the Mercosur customs union (Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia and Chile) to donate

contiguous lands for development “as a model for an ideal, international and interracial nation and world.” However, when they did not step forward sufficiently, Unificationists businesses began purchasing vast tracts of land in the South American interior. The assumption was that if the leaders of North and South America, or elsewhere, could not respond to True Father’s vision of unification, they would have to be shown a working model. Thus began the South American providence to which substantial resources were dedicated in the late 1990s.

## May 17, 1982

### *The Washington Times Begins Publication*



*The Washington Times*, a daily newspaper, published its first issue on May 17, 1982. Publishing tens of thousands of papers every morning and having a headquarters located in Washington, D.C., it became the second largest newspaper in the nation’s capital after *The Washington Post*.

True Father spoke of the significance behind the

establishment of *The Washington Times*, saying that he had started a newspaper, a business that even affluent people were giving up on, to save the United States and what was then known as the Free World. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## **May 17, 2007**

***The Washington Times* 25th Anniversary  
Celebration**



Under the theme “A Quarter Century of Dedication and Distinction,” *The Washington Times* observed its 25th anniversary with a gala event at the National Building Museum in Washington D.C. More than 1,100 leading figures in politics, culture, and journalism representing 82 nations took part in the celebration. U.S. President George W. Bush, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon, Lady Margaret Thatcher, Polish Prime Minister Jarosaw Kaczynski, and Sri Lanka President Mahinda Rajapaksa were among those who sent messages of congratulations.

Former President George H.W. Bush delivered the keynote address complementing the Times for challenging “what many of us felt was a prevailing liberal bias” and thanked True Father “for his vision in launching this newspaper,” reminding the audience that “without him, there would be no *Washington Times*.”

True Father delivered the Founder’s Address, “A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God’s Will,” which he had originally delivered in Hawaii and, now with True Mother, was delivering worldwide. He noted, “The development of human civilization has completed a circuit of the entire globe and has arrived at the Pacific sphere.” Human history, he declared, “has come to a point in time in the providence at which it should reach completion and fruition through the Pacific Rim region.”

## **May 18, 1965**

### **Rev. Paul Werner Pioneers Austria**



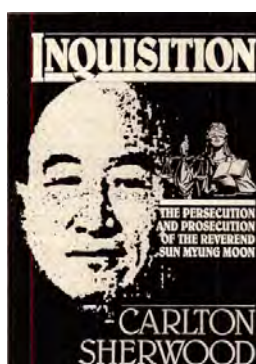
*Paul Werner (lower left) at a meeting in San Francisco, circa 1964.*

Rev. Paul Werner, his wife, Christel, and their son, Klaus, were among a group of German Unificationists who joined in the San Francisco Bay area under Dr. Young Oon Kim during the early 1960s. In April 1964, the Werners returned to Germany, where they joined Peter Koch who had returned the previous year.

On May 18, 1965, Rev. Werner left for Austria, becoming the first missionary going out from Germany. He traveled there alone in a Volkswagen van, which was his “center” for the next half-year. Rev. Werner wrote, “I prayed day and night and fasted most of the time.” With Rev. Werner as driver, his VW van also served to transport True Father across Europe during True Father’s first world tour in 1965. Over time, Rev. Werner won members, established centers and founded the Austrian church. On May 18, 1969, four years to the day after Rev. Werner’s arrival in Austria, True Father asked him to lead the German movement and for Peter Koch to take over leadership of the movement in Austria.

## **May 18, 1982**

### **U.S. Jury Returns Guilty Verdict against True Father**



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The Unification Church won a series of court cases in 1982. After several years of struggle, it gained unambiguous legal recognition as a bona fide religion with full tax-exemption privileges, public solicitation

*Inquisition, by  
Pulitzer prize-  
winning author  
Carlton Sherwood*

rights, and access to  
missionary visas. It also was  
able to extend civil rights  
protections to members and

successfully press for damages against  
deprogrammers. However, the church lost the one  
case that was the most highly publicized, most costly,  
and that mattered to it the most; this was *The United  
States v. Sun Myung Moon*.

Tax convictions have been a time-honored way to root  
out undesirables, and although the review process  
makes this more difficult to do within the American  
legal system, there has been a tendency for the  
politically ambitious to go after unpopular figures. In  
True Father case, a letter from U.S. Senator Robert  
Dole to the IRS Commissioner, which called for an  
audit of the church, led to what Carlton Sherwood  
termed “the most intensive and extensive criminal  
tax investigation of any religious figure in U.S.  
history.”

The odd thing about True Father’s case was that it  
continued to move forward in the face of so many  
obstacles. First, the audit of his tax returns for 1973–  
1975 showed a total liability of \$7,300, less than the  
\$2,500 per year required by IRS guidelines for  
criminal prosecution. Second, three career attorneys  
from the U.S. Justice Department questioned  
whether there was any liability at all and signed off  
on a written memorandum that prosecution was not  
warranted. Third, the prosecuting attorney had to  
convene three grand juries before gaining the  
necessary indictments. Fourth, jury members who,  
according to the trial judge, met the criteria of being  
people who “don’t read much, don’t talk much, and

don't know much" had to sift through over 2,000 documentary exhibits and technical argumentation that glazed the eyes of even trained legal observers over.

In the end, neither True Father nor the movement was able to stem the government's determination to gain a conviction. The trial began on April 1, 1982 and lasted approximately six weeks. On May 18, 1982, the jury returned its verdict against True Father.

## **May 18, 2003**

### **Clergy and Rabbis Sign Jerusalem Declaration**



May 18, 2003, was a momentous day of the first Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) Holy Land Peace Pilgrimage. U.S. clergy awoke early and left their hotel in busses at 5:30 a.m. to go to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. It was fortunate they left at this time because at 6:00 a.m. a suicide bomber set off a blast two blocks from the hotel, killing seven people and injuring 22. All traffic was stopped and had the clergy left any later, they would not have been able to pass.

From there, they offered a 30-minute service at the site of Golgotha and then traveled a mile or so to the Potter's Field, also referred to as the Field of Blood, which, according to Matthew 27, the chief priests purchased with the 30 pieces of silver Judas got for betraying Jesus.

Pastors lifted a wooden cross, about six feet high, as they marched down a winding road to the Potter's Field. At the site, ministers placed the cross in a hole previously dug to its exact dimensions by Israeli FFWPU members. They placed a FFWPU flag, "dated and signed by representative leaders," on top. The ceremony concluded with participants putting "soil on the cross one-by-one, repenting for the false faith" that was "preventing Christianity and Judaism from achieving reconciliation."

On that foundation, the 135 U.S. clergy met with a similar number of Israeli rabbis as well as ten imams for a day-long "Conference for Jewish and Christian Reconciliation and Harmony." The highlight of this was the Jerusalem Declaration in which the clergy and rabbis repented "for the dark parts of our past" and sought "a bright future together."

In reality, it was not easy to obtain the signatures. According to one report, "the main rabbi strongly rejected...signing his name." In addition, "Some rabbis were upset that the declaration would even be considered." However, in an unscripted moment, a key rabbi stated, "I will sign it if my Moslem brother will sign it with me." A leading sheik marched forward and "the three brothers collapsed into an embrace." One observer recounted, "This opened the floodgates and everyone rushed to the front to sign."

## May 19, 1984

### True Father Initiates *// Jeung* (“One Heart”) Prayer

True Father initiated the *// Jeung* (“One Heart”) prayer association on May 19, 1984. He declared that the sovereignty of God’s true love finally had moved from the individual, family, and national levels to the worldwide level. In order for them to inherit God’s love, he called on Unificationists to establish a tradition of offering prayer conditions.

He invited each member of the worldwide Unification Church, according to his or her individual schedule, to offer a prayer vigil from midnight to 4:00 a.m. once each forty days. He also asked each member to make a one-day (or at least one-meal) fasting condition once every forty days and to establish an *// Jeung* Fund. These conditions were especially important in maintaining movement solidarity during the period in which True Father was imprisoned at Danbury.

## May 20, 1948

### True Father Enters Heungnam Prison



After being arrested for the second time in North Korea on February 22, 1948, True



Father was charged

with being a spy for the

South and for disturbing the social order. Some 80 Christian ministers who had lost members to True Father's group precipitated this action by writing letters to the police.

True Father was once again tortured and wrote later, "My body still carries several scars that I received then." He went on trial on April 7 and was convicted. He wrote in his autobiography, "Many of the most famous ministers in North Korea came to the courtroom and accused me of all manner of crimes." That day he was taken to Pyongyang Prison where he remained until he was transported to Heungnam on May 20, nearly three months following his arrest. True Father wrote, "I felt indignation and also shamed before heaven. I was tied to a thief so I could not escape. We were taken by a vehicle on a route that took 17 hours. As I looked out the window a powerful feeling of grief welled up inside me. It seemed incredible to me that I would have to travel this winding road along rivers and through valleys as a prisoner."

## **May 20, 1984**

**True Parents Declare the Day of the Love of God  
and Bequeath *Ae Chun Candles***





At 12:54 a.m. on May 16, 1984, True Parents established the Day of the Love of God and created *Ae Chun* (“Love of God”) candles. This was two days after the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review True Father’s petition that his 1981 conviction on tax evasion charges be overturned. On May 20, True Parents declared the day to Unificationists and also bequeathed *Ae Chun* candles to them.

The *Ae Chun* candles exist as a pair. One is referred to as a “Father” candle and the other, a “Mother” candle. As they represent the harmony and love of the True Parents, the candles are always to be burned together. It was understood that *Ae Chun* candles should be burned during prayer for a high-level purpose—i.e., national, world or cosmic level. In his prayer to God, True Father said, “Wherever this candle burns, may the family be united, and may that family have peace, connecting with the sovereignty of Your love through this light.”

## **May 21, 1978**

### **Holy Marriage Blessing of 118 Couples**

On May 21, 1978, in London, True Father with Ye Jin Moon (representing True Mother) blessed 118

couples in holy matrimony. Of the 118 couples, 106 were international; only 12 couples were matched with the same nationality. Most of the Germans present were matched with their age-old enemies, the French. The blessing served to launch International One World Crusade activities in Europe. More than 1200 members gathered in London and, soon after, were augmented by two classes of Unification Theological Seminary students who were pioneering Home Church.

## May 21, 2004

### **Rally for the Declaration of Absolute Values for the Sake of Harmony and Unification**



On May 21, 2004, the Rally for the Declaration of Absolute Values for the Sake of Harmony and Unification occurred

at Blue Sea (*Cheonghae*) Garden, Yeosu, in South Jeolla Province.

True Father spoke under the title “The Purpose of True Love, Harmony and Unity Is the Perfection of the Absolute Values of True Families” in front of 13,000 people at the Blue Sea Garden plaza, revealing that a family attains perfection through the absolute values of true love. On this day, 450 participants from seven nations established sisterhood relationships with 450 Korean participants, and those present determined to carry out peace endeavors for harmony and unity through a sibling love

transcending nationality and race. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## **May 21, 2011**

### **True Father Concludes 2011 World Peace Tour in Las Vegas**



True Father conducted his final world tour, a World Peace Tour of ten nations in 28 days, traveling 28,000 miles at age 91. He spoke in Seoul, Korea; Madrid, Spain; Rome, Italy; Oslo, Norway; Athens, Greece; Istanbul, Turkey; London, England; Geneva, Switzerland; and Berlin, Germany.

His final and only U.S. stop was in Las Vegas on May 21. There, he told an international audience of over 3,000 in the Aria City Center that God had great expectations for the long-notorious gaming capital of the world, that it will soon gain a new reputation as a “city of giving.” In support of that, True Parents sponsored a charity slot tournament at the Aria Resort the morning of the event for 300 participants with proceeds from the \$500 entry fee going to local charities. True Father envisioned each stop of the tour as an interreligious assembly and representatives of

faith bodies were prominent participants.

## May 22, 1963

### Peter Koch Departs as First Missionary to Europe



Peter Koch immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1957. In 1959, he began engineering studies in San Francisco where he met and joined the Unification Church in January 1962. He was

concerned to reach other foreign students and spent much of September and October 1962 hand-signing letters to 1,900 foreign students at the University of California, Berkeley.

He subsequently “felt responsible for my people at home” and determined “to bring the Principle to Europe.” He departed by ship on May 22, 1963, arrived in Holland on June 13, printed 80 copies of the *Divine Principle* in German, and decided to begin his mission work in Heidelberg, some 225 miles from where he had been staying.

He determined to walk rather than take a train, as a condition. However, within 25 miles he developed severe blisters due to defective boots. By the fourth day, blisters extended to his ankles, and all the skin pulled off the flesh of his feet. Wrapping his feet and refusing to stop, he later wrote, “That was certainly

my worst experience. I did a 40-day fast once, but it was nothing compared to that 21-day trip to Heidelberg on raw feet. I'll never forget that. That was my foundation for starting the mission in Germany."

He was a successful missionary, leading the church in Germany until 1969, and in Austria after that.

Starting in 1980, he dispatched missionaries to the Soviet Union, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Romania, East Germany, and Albania—all communist countries—as chronicled in the book, *Mission Butterfly*.

## May 22, 2000

### American Clergy Leadership Conference

#### Inaugurated



The American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) was established on May 22, 2000, when 120 clergy from seventeen denominations traveled to Seoul, Korea, for the inaugural conference. Their trips to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), where they released 150 doves of peace, and to the movement's Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center

were particularly significant. At Cheongpyeong, ministers witnessed “a rainbow around the sun,” which many interpreted as a sign that True Father was from God.

ACLC clergy later played a central role in True Father’s 2001 “We Will Stand in Oneness” 50-state speaking tour. Sixty ACLC clergy and their spouses took part in True Parents’ inaugural Interfaith Marriage Blessing in 2001. ACLC clergy also were major players in launching True Parents’ Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) and pilgrimages to the Holy Land in 2003. ACLC remains active as a committed core of clergy who understand Rev. and Mrs. Moon’s identity as the “True Parents of Humankind.”

## **May 24, 1984**

### **Universal Ballet Company Established**



The Universal Ballet was established by True Parents in May 1984 as the first private ballet company of Korea. It

began in a practice room in the back of the Sunhwa (Little Angels) Arts School. At that time, male ballet dancers in Korea were so rare that the company had employees from the print shop dancing on stage.

Under the direction of Adrienne Dellas, Kirov Ballet Director Oleg Vinogradov and prima ballerina Julia (Hoon Sook) Moon, the company developed a national and international reputation. Julia Moon

noted: “We pioneered ballet in Korea when it was very primitive. ... We were the first to bring choreographers, teachers, costume and set designers and dancers from the West to Korea. We have been and still are a leader in the field of ballet in Korea.”

True Father gave the motto *Ye Cheon Mi Ji* (Heavenly Art Creating a World of Beauty). He said, “Ballet is truly a heavenly art form. The dancers stretch themselves upward to the ultimate degree to reach God in heaven. Ballet uses the entire body as an instrument to express humans’ aspiration toward God. In this sense, it is the ultimate expression of artistic beauty.”

## May 24, 2004

### Women of Peace Rally in Jerusalem



The Middle East Peace Initiative by woman leaders took place in Jerusalem, Israel, over four days beginning on May 24, 2004. The Women’s Federation for World Peace International and the Interreligious and International Peace Council co-hosted the programs, which included a seminar on religious

harmony, followed by a ceremony to bring harmony and peace in the Middle East and a peace march. The participating women have maintained connections with one another through continuous meetings. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## **May 27, 2001**

### **Clergy Interfaith Marriage Blessing Ceremony**



The American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) was established in May 2000 when 120

clergy from 17 denominations traveled to Korea for the inaugural meeting. With ACLC support, True Father undertook a 50-state “We Will Stand in Oneness” revival tour in early 2001. During that tour, which emphasized the sanctity of marriage, individual clergy began to seek True Parents’ blessing on their marriages.

This snowballed and, in the end, more than 60 “ministers, imams, and clerics: Pentecostals and Baptists, Lutherans and Muslims, Native Americans, Sufis, and more” participated in an Interfaith Clergy Marriage Blessing Ceremony in the Cotillion Room of the Hilton Hotel in New York City on May 27, 2001.

The Blessing included a “providential participant,” Zambian Roman Catholic Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, 71, who wed Maria Sung, 43, a Korean acupuncturist. While acknowledging that “the priestly

vow of celibacy has a profound meaning in the providence of God,” he stated, “the sacrifice of celibate life has fulfilled its purpose.” He insisted he had not changed his faith but affirmed True Parents’ “special ministry to build loving, God-centered families amongst people of all faiths, in the capacity of True Parents.” This sparked worldwide publicity, surfacing the issue of clerical celibacy at the highest levels of the Vatican hierarchy.

## **May 29, 1999**

### **Rally to Globalize True Families**

On May 29, 1999, True Mother held the Rally to Globalize True Families at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China.



Her speech that day was titled, “The Path of Life for All Humankind.” In it, she said, “There must be some common content that will be pleasing to God, to the angels, to the rest of creation and to human beings themselves.” She went on to say that this common content is “true love.” This was the final rally that True Mother held in her 80-nation speaking tour, which had begun on April 12.

## **May 30, 1984**

### **Rally for Religious Freedom**

The U.S. Supreme Court's refusal on May 14, 1984, to review True Father's petition to overturn his conviction on tax evasion charges set off a series of "Rallies for Religious Freedom." The first of these, in Washington, D.C., on May 30, 1984, brought together more than 300 clergy from over 60 denominations and some 200 laypersons, including civil liberties leaders and political figures, to denounce the threat to religious liberties posed by True Father's conviction.

The event was organized by the co-chairmen of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Freedom, Dr. Timothy LaHaye, chairman of the Moral Majority of California, and Dr. Joseph Lowery, chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The rally ended with Dr. La Haye challenging all present to stand with him and "say, as one individual, 'I believe in religious freedom so much I am willing, if necessary and allowed, to spend one week of those eighteen months with Reverend Moon.'" Participants afterward signed a Religious Liberty Proclamation, and on the back of the document signed their commitment to go to prison with True Father.

## **May 30, 1992**

**PWPA provides funding to University of Bridgeport**





On May 30, 1992, the Board of Trustees of the University of Bridgeport reached an agreement with the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) whereby PWPA donated \$50.5 million to the university, enabling it to stay open and maintain its accreditation. In exchange, PWPA had the right to nominate 60 percent of candidates for Board of Trustees vacancies and the university agreed to adopt an educational philosophy based on an international perspective.

Including the initial loan, PWPA provided \$110 million to the university over the next ten years. The UB-PWPA partnership was controversial because of PWPA's ties to True Father and the Unification Church. However, the university prospered in subsequent years. In 2003, UB declared its financial independence and from that point on has been self-supporting, ending each year in the black, maintaining its accreditation and non-sectarian charter.

**May 30, 2015**

**True Father's 1,000-Day Memorial Celebration**





The Unification movement observed the 1,000th day since True Father's ascension in a service of *Jeongseong* ("devotional offering") at the International Peace Education Center (IPEC) in Las Vegas. It was the first major event to be held at the magnificent structure. Special emissaries, regional leaders, current and former U.S. elected officials, Las Vegas commerce and industry leaders, and veterans—one thousand persons in all—participated, as well as 350 participants from Japan. The event also included an award ceremony to present special prizes to forty remarkable individuals from North America, Asia, Africa, Oceania and the Middle East who had demonstrated exemplary efforts in faith and peace activities.

True Mother stated, "True Father is here with us, and he is looking at all of you with a very happy heart, and he is wishing that all of you can fulfill your blessed responsibility and will, without fail, be centered on Heavenly Parent and together realize one world centering on Heavenly Parent."

## **May 30, 2015**

### **Peace Road 2015 World Launch**





The world launch ceremony for Peace Road 2015 took place at the International Peace Education Center (IPEC) in Las Vegas, on the afternoon of May 30, 2015. Peace Road 2015 was a project dedicated to resolving the racial, religious and national conflicts occurring in different regions of the world, and uniting the collective will of the people of the world for peace.

The route extended from the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa to Santiago, Chile. Participants in 127 countries walked or rode bicycles or other means of transportation. A thousand people attended the world launch ceremony, at which twenty young people on bicycles rode around Las Vegas, starting the world race. Simultaneous launching ceremonies occurred in Santiago, Chile, and the Cape of Good Hope. The Peace Road 2015 World Tour continued for 93 days (May 30 to August 30) in commemoration of True Father's 93 years of life. Participants displayed flags and banners with the tour's theme, "Peace Road, toward a World of Peace!"

## **May 31, 1963**

### **HSA Officially Registered in Korea**

True Father and four disciples founded the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) in May 1954. However, the church did

not achieve legal recognition until May 31, 1963 when it was officially registered as a charitable organization.

Prior to that, the Unification Church was essentially an underground church. Widely vilified in Korean society, registration followed intensive pioneer witnessing in Korean villages. Legal recognition of the church in Korea followed the incorporation of HSA-UWC in the United States on September 18, 1961 and preceded legalization of the church in Japan in 1964.

## **May 31, 1997**

### **First Summit Council for World Peace**



True Father convened the First Summit Council for World Peace at the Lotte Hotel in Seoul, Korea on May 31, 1987. It was an

outgrowth of the Summit Club which he established in 1981. The Council was conceived as a forum where world leaders, particularly former heads of state, prime ministers, and senior government officials, can utilize the best of their creative energies, knowledge, wisdom, experience, and statesmanship for the sake of world peace and development.

In his Founder's Address, "Challenges and Opportunities for World Peace," True Father stated that the reason why it has been impossible to achieve

world peace is that “the internal struggle that goes on within each individual has not yet been resolved.” World conflict, he said, “is nothing other than the manifestation of the inner conflict of individuals.” He argued it was necessary first to find peace with God, then peace with people through true love and on that foundation a world community of nations could be “substantially established” centered upon a common value system and eternal principles.

Nine former Presidents, 9 former Prime Ministers, 12 former ministers of government, 17 nobility, 5 former ambassadors, 3 current ambassadors, one university president and 6 others attended the first Summit Council meeting. The Council played a significant role in True Parent’s meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev and relations with North Korea.

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## June 1, 1976

### Yankee Stadium Rally



Forty years ago, True Father made an urgent appeal to America to turn back to God. Yankee Stadium was the first of two major rallies held in 1976 as part of the movement's Bicentennial God Bless America Festival. The second was held at Washington Monument on September 18. True Father compared himself at Yankee Stadium to a doctor and firefighter who came from the outside to help America meet its third great test as a nation, that of God-denying communism.

A rainstorm with strong winds hit the stadium prior to the start of the rally, blowing away many of the decorations. Unificationists rose in their seats or danced on top of the Yankee Stadium dugouts, singing "You Are My Sunshine" until the storm subsided. Approximately 45,000 people attended.

At the time, True Father's message was translated as

“God’s Hope for America,” but recently the original text of the speech in Korean was located. The title that True Father himself chose was “America /s God’s Hope!” which adds even more meaning to this historic and providential message. A 25-minute video of historical footage at the Yankee Stadium Rally can be viewed [here](#). True Father’s entire message is narrated. He declares his message in his own words in the video at around the 12:00 minute mark. To read the entire speech, click [here](#).

## **June 3, 1973**

### **Billy Graham Preaches to 1.1 Million on Seoul’s Yoido Island**

On June 3, 1973, U.S. Christian evangelist Billy Graham closed his 5-day crusade for



Christ in Seoul, South Korea, in front of a crowd estimated by local officials to exceed 1.1 million in an open space of Yoido Island.

It was the largest audience in the history of Graham’s ministry. The 5-day total exceeded the totals of his historic 16-week, 1957 New York City Crusade. Some 75,000 attendees made a decision for Christ during the crusade, helping to spur an explosive megachurch movement throughout Korea. Following the event, a helicopter rose from behind the platform. Dr. Han, the event chairman, put up his hand for

silence. He explained that Billy Graham was leaving Korea that afternoon, and he could not say goodbye personally to everybody, but his helicopter would circle in farewell over the plaza.

A group of Unificationists from the Seoul Western Center attended the rally. Dr. David Carlson wrote, “Our heartfelt prayers go to Dr. Billy Graham, and we hope that someday Unified Family members might speak to crowds such as listened to Dr. Graham, and perhaps even larger.” Dr. Carlson’s wish was fulfilled on June 7, 1975, when True Father spoke before 1.3 million at the same open space on Yoido Island as part of the World Rally for Korean Freedom.

## **June 3, 2014**

### **Yeon Ah Moon Inaugurated as WFWP International President**



On June 3, 2014, the Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP) welcomed Professor Yeon Ah Moon, international vice president of the Family

Federation for World Peace (FFWPU), as the new president of WFWP International and WFWP Korea. She became the third president of WFWP, succeeding Dr. Lan Young Moon, who would remain a close advisor to WFWP as president emeritus.

Professor Moon taught Women’s Studies at Sun Moon

University and expressed her resolve to lead WFWP in contributing to and supporting Vision 2020. True Parents founded WFWP in 1992. WFWP has members in 143 countries and is a UN NGO, having obtained general consultative status with the UN's Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 1997.

## **June 4, 1962**

### **72 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing**

True Parents held the second major Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony after the original 36 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony on June 4, 1962. They blessed in marriage 72 couples. Providentially, these 72 couples are understood to represent Cain and Abel's restored families in relationship to the 36 couples who represent the original ancestors. They also correspond to Jesus' 72 disciples.

According to True Father, "Through the unity of the 72 couples representing Cain and Abel with the 36 couples representing Adam and Eve, all providential requirements for the family have been met, and the restoration of the family has been completed." The way was opened for expansion of the providence beyond the family.

## **June 4, 2012**

### **Chairman Seung Ryong Moon's Ascension**

Chairman Seung  
Ryong Moon,  
True Father's  
second cousin  
and a continuous  
companion of  
True Father's  
during his youth,  
ascended on  
June 4, 2012.



True Father at right, Seung Ryong Moon holding the lid of the pot, and a mutual friend cook a meal together at their lodgings in Seoul, around 1939

Chairman Moon caught eels with True Father in pools near their hometown and accompanied True Father to school in Jeongju. He later attended high school with True Father in Seoul.

Separated from True Father during the Korean War, Chairman Moon discovered him in Seoul during the mid-1950s and joined the Unification Church. He was blessed as one of the 36 couples and served as factory chief and chairman of Unification industrial enterprises. He was appointed national messiah to Burundi in 1996 and finally settled in the Geomundo Islands off the southern coast of the Korean Peninsula, following True Father's direction. On his ascension, True Father wrote, "Congratulations on your Seonghwa and entry into the heavenly nation, blood brother of heavenly heart Chairman Seung Ryong Moon."

## **June 6, 1944**

**D-Day Landing in Europe**





The Normandy landings (code-named Operation Neptune) were the landing operations on Tuesday, June 6, 1944 (termed D-Day) of the Allied invasion of Normandy during World War II. The largest seaborne invasion in history, the operation began the liberation of German-occupied northwestern Europe from Nazi control and contributed to the Allied victory on the Western Front. The amphibious landings were preceded by extensive aerial and naval bombardment and an airborne assault of 24,000 American, British, and Canadian troops shortly after midnight.

Allied infantry and armored divisions began landing on the coast of France at 6:30 a.m. The men landed under heavy fire from gun emplacements overlooking the beaches, and the shore was mined and covered with obstacles such as wooden stakes, metal tripods, and barbed wire, making the work of the beach-clearing teams difficult and dangerous. However, the operation gained a foothold which the Allies gradually expanded over the coming months. German casualties on D-Day were around 1,000 men. Allied casualties were at least 10,000, with 4,414 confirmed dead.

True Father referred to D-Day at several points in his ministry. In his Madison Square Garden speech of September 18, 1974, “The New Future of Christianity,” he said: “God has only been able to engage in ‘guerrilla warfare’ against Satan, not total war. However, God has been preparing for one great day, a heavenly ‘D-Day’ — like the D-Day of the Normandy landing — when God can launch an all-out offensive. That day is the day of the return of Christ.” The Unification movement subsequently referred to Foundation Day 2013 as the day on which the heavenly D-Day was fulfilled.

## **June 6, 1946**

### **True Father arrives in Pyongyang, North Korea**

True Father went to Pyongyang, North Korea, in obedience to God’s revelation that he “Go across the 38th parallel! Find the people of God who are in the North” (As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen, p. 84). True Father, who was then 26, had set out to pick up rice and was concerned for his wife and his first son, who was born only a month earlier, when he received this revelation.

True Father has said, “God’s commands are very serious, and they must be followed without reservation or hesitation.” He took nothing with him except his Bible. Christianity had set down its roots deeply in Pyongyang, and it was known as “the Jerusalem of the East.” However, it was then under communist occupation and more than a million refugees already had fled to the South. Upon arrival,

True Father began his ministry in the North.

## **June 7, 1975**

### **World Rally for Korean Freedom**



The World Rally for Korean Freedom was held on June 7, 1975, at the Seoul Yeouido Square with 1.2 million people. Over 1,000 representatives from 60 countries around the world participated and promised to defend Korea. Through True Father's speech, 'Korea Within the World,' he emphasized that the 'Rally for Korean Freedom is a global religious celebration which displays the resolution of the world to rise up and defend Korea's freedom to the whole world.

## **June 8, 2015**

### **First *Sunhak* Peace Prize Award Recipients Selected**

The *Sunhak* Peace Prize Committee, headed by

Chairman Il-Shik Hong, former secretary general of Korea University, announced the first *Sunhak* Peace Prize recipients at a press conference for domestic and foreign journalists at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., on June 8, 2015. The recipients were Anote Tong and Dr. Modadugu Vijay Gupta.

Anote Tong at the time was the president of the Republic of Kiribati, a small Pacific island nation made up of 33 coral islands, which sustains a population of one hundred thousand people. With a very low average altitude of 2 meters above sea level, its islands gradually are being submerged by the rise in sea levels caused by recent years of global warming, and it faces the tragic fate of having its entire nation submerged by 2050. President Tong has been raising awareness about his homeland's critical situation, promoting awareness in the global community on the gravity of climate change, and for this he has been highly praised.

Dr. Modadugu Vijay Gupta is known as the “saint for poor people” for helping to quell starvation throughout Southeast Asian nations by developing revolutionary fish farming technology. As a biologist, his methods were responsible for an explosive increase in the number of fish through improving the breeding species of cultivated fish.

The *Sunhak* Peace Prize, a “peace prize for future generations,” was created by True Mother to commemorate the work of True Father. The prize will be awarded to an individual or organization that has made significant contributions toward the peace and welfare of future generations. Recipients of the award will receive one million U.S. dollars.

## June 10, 1974

### A-frame Church construction begins in Korea



The work of building a-frame churches across South Korea started with the first shovel of earth in the city of Shintanjin on

June 10, 1974. The 82.6-square-meter A-frame church was designed by Oem Deok Moon, who was True Father's school friend in Japan. A team was organized for the construction, and 188 churches of this shape were built around the nation. True Father said that a building "should be a beautiful sight," and at the time it had such an innovative form that it drew the attention of the people. Now, even 40 years later, some of these churches still remain.

## June 10, 2013

### True Mother Bestows *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* Heavenly Scriptures

True Mother and 1,000 Unificationists attended a joint event to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) and the publication of a new edition of the *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* at the Cheongpyeong Training Center in Gapyeong, Korea, on June 10, 2013. As reported by Mr. Seok Byeong Kim, chairman of Seong Hwa

Publications, “The existing *Cheon Seong Gyeong* had some misquoted and duplicated parts, which True Mother was sad to see.” The new edition corrected this and added speeches of True Father and True Mother from the 2000s.

The Publication Committee followed strict guidelines in the publication process, which included planning, research, and selecting speeches, editing, supervision, verification and publication. True Mother described the 60 years of True Father’s work as “precious jewelry.” She reminded all present “to think about the seven billion people and make sure they are reborn as *Cheon Il Guk* citizens” and to “set today as a day of determination and invest all your energy to saving all of humankind centered on the precious words that God gave us.”

## **June 11, 2001**

### **Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) Chapel**

#### **Cross Struck by Lightning**

As described by UTS President Tyler Hendricks:

“On the evening of June 11, there was a thunderstorm in the mid-Hudson Valley. A bolt of lightning struck the five-foot-high stone cross that has stood at the top of our seminary for its 70 years of existence. The cross is not grounded, so the energy had no place to go but out horizontally. This snapped the cross at its base, separating it from the building, and blew off both arms. One arm fell with the pillar of the

cross backwards onto the roof. The other careened forward, with pieces falling upon building parapets and to the ground as far as 60 feet away. No one was hurt, but one car suffered damage.”

Dr. Hendricks continued:

“As a symbol of Christ’s suffering and salvific love for all humankind, the cross is heroic and magnificent. But as a symbol of humankind’s malice toward God expressed by crucifying His son, the cross induces pain and sorrowful grief to God. While a symbol of God’s victory, it is also a symbol of human sin. In 1974, Father Moon directed that the cross remain atop our seminary. Upon hearing of its demise this June, he said that it is now time for all crosses to come down.”

True Father’s direction became manifest in 2003 when he called upon Christian clergy to take down the cross as a condition for reconciliation among the sons of Abraham. True Father’s call became the foundation for the Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI) and Peace Pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

## **June 12, 2002**

### **Sun Moon Peace Cup Inaugural Ceremony**



The Sun Moon Peace Cup Inaugural Ceremony took place at 3 p.m. on June 12,

2002, at the Little Angels Arts Center in Seoul. More than 500 domestic and foreign attendees showed their interest as True Father spoke on seeking “the path to realize world peace through sports.” He said that the best soccer club teams in the world would participate in the Sun Moon Peace Cup and that it would “become a festival which hopes for all humankind to become one big family.”

## **June 13, 1998**

### **360 Million Couples Marriage Blessing Ceremony**

True Parents conducted the Marriage Blessing Ceremony in 1998 as the first-stage blessing of 360 million couples worldwide. The main venue was Madison Square Garden in New York City, with satellite feeds to 195 countries. More than 500 buses transported participants, including more than 120 ministers—with 14 buses from Chicago alone. The arena rapidly filled with an estimated 20,000 people. Inside the hall, a 2,000-voice ecumenical choir electrified participants with its performance of “Amazing Grace” and the “Hallelujah Chorus.”

At the main Blessing ceremony, there were 2,824 matched couples, including 65 Unificationist-born couples. Blessing 1998 was distinctive in that it included spirit world blessings. Four Korean women elders were blessed as wives on earth to four major saints of the spirit world. True Parents also extended the “pre-Blessing” to 16 billion spirit world couples. A special group of 34 spirit world couples included some of the greatest saints and worst criminals of

history.



## June 13, 2006

### Cheon Jeong Gung Entrance Ceremony

True Parents presided over the Opening Ceremony for the Cheon Jeong Gung Museum on Cheonseong Mountain near Cheongpyeong Lake. Approximately 5,000 people participated in the main ceremony, and another 25,000 people watched the event through screens set up in different areas throughout the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. Prior to the ceremony, thousands of Unificationists from 147 countries participated in week-long festivities from June 6 to 12.





Unificationists throughout the world contributed funds for the Cheon Jeong Gung's construction. The building itself is a massive structure, its dome some 80 meters high, with 30-ton, 48-meter white granite columns, built into the side of Cheonseong Mountain. Situated midway between Seoul, South Korea, and Pyongyang, North Korea, it was to be the "capitol building" of Cheon Il Guk. True Father delivered a message on the occasion, "*Cheon Il Guk Is the Ideal Heavenly Kingdom of Eternal Peace*," in which he outlined the "fundamental duties and mission that every citizen of *Cheon Il Guk* should understand and live by as they walk the way of Heaven."

The Cheon Jeong Gung is home to a museum housing artwork and objects that hold historical importance or express Unification Thought and the ideals of peace. It is seen as a holy place, and many have made pilgrimages there because of its spiritual significance.

## June 14, 1976

True Father on cover of *Newsweek International*



True Father being interviewed for the *Newsweek* magazine article.



True Father posing for the cover of *Newsweek* magazine's June 14, 1976, international edition.

True Father granted an interview to *Newsweek International's* executive and general editors. Excerpts from their **three-hour conversation** were published as part of a cover story on the Unification Church.

In the interview, True Father explained the origins of the Unification Church and its

mission, saying: "My new revelation has made the Will of God crystal clear. And what is that Will? It is to save the world. So the Unification Church is not another denomination—it's a movement to save the world, and through the teaching of the word of God, each individual in our movement becomes absolutely clear about the concept of the God-centered individual, the God-centered family, the God-centered nation and the God-centered world."

## June 14, 1999

### True Father presents Special Award to True Mother

True Father presented True Mother with a special award following completion of her World Speaking Tour in which she promoted true family values globally in 80 locations, including 24 speeches in the

United States. True Mother spoke on “**The Path of Life for All Humankind**.” The award was also presented on the foundation of True Mother’s absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience in being “victorious over a suffering course of restoration through indemnity known only to Heaven” and for having “fulfilled the mission of a true child in front of Heaven, a true wife in front of her husband, and the mission of a true parent in front of her children.”

## **June 15, 1958**

### **Mission to Japan Begins**

Mr. Sang ik (Bong-choon) Choi, known to Japanese members as Mr. Nishikawa, departed Korea to begin the mission to Japan. Because Korea and Japan had not yet established diplomatic relations, he was forced to smuggle into the country as a stowaway aboard a ship. He was arrested but avoided deportation by fasting to induce illness. He escaped after being transferred from prison to a medical clinic and successfully planted the Unification Church in Japan. In 1964, he was again arrested and this time deported. He then began mission work in the San Francisco Bay Area.

## **June 15, 2015**

### **Austrian Government Grants Unification Church**

#### **Legal Status**



After more than 40 years of being an “underground” movement, the Austrian branch of the Unification Church was officially recognized by the Austrian government on June 15, 2015. The federal government’s Office for Religious Affairs officially registered the Austrian Unification Church and recognized it as a “confessional community.” This was a significant step, as it meant the Unification Church had received “state recognition without privileges” from the federal government. The church became the eighth confessional community to be officially registered in Austria.

The Unification Church was first established in Austria in 1965 with the arrival of missionary Paul Werner. However, in 1974 the church’s legal status as a religious association, which had been granted in 1966, was suspended by the Security Agency of Vienna. For decades, Unificationists in Austria fought the stigma placed on them by anti-cult advocates, who branded the association a “threat to public security and order.” The Austrian federal government’s decision rebutted those prejudicial claims, something that Unificationists in other parts of the world are still fighting for.

This recognition came a month after True Mother joined 2,500 Unificationists from all over Europe in Vienna to celebrate 50 years of the Unification movement in Europe.

## **June 17, 1971**

### **Construction begins at Cheongpyeong Training Center**



Construction work to build the Cheongpyeong Training Center in Song-san Hamlet, Seorak Village, Gapyeong County, Gyeonggi Province, began with True Father's first dig at the riverside using a pickax on June 17, 1971. The 30 or so members who were attending a workshop at Sutaek-ri Training Center in the city of Guri to become pastors were all mobilized to help with the construction work.

Today, forty-five years after it was erected on land that used to be a mulberry field, Cheongpyeong Training Center has become a global holy ground which Unificationists from different nations enjoy visiting. (Materials provided by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) History Compilation Committee)

# June 19, 1984

## European Missionary Peter Koch Ascends

On June 19, 1984, Rev. Peter Koch passed unexpectedly at the age of 57. He was the leader of the Austrian Unification Church and the first Western missionary to Europe for the Unification Church. In 1969 he was blessed in marriage with Gertrud Güse in the first European Marriage Blessing Ceremony, which was part of the Blessing of 43 International Couples. At the time of his passing Peter Koch left behind his wife, Gertrud, and their children, Goon Amen and Spring Anne. Peter Koch was a moving force behind Mission Butterfly, which sent Unificationists behind the Iron Curtain in the 1980s to work as underground missionaries.

# June 19, 2013

## Tongil Group Employees Support North Korean Escapees, Multicultural Families



On June 19, 2013, Tongil Group staff visited Hope

Apparel, a company that helps North Korean escapees adjust to life in the South. Previously Tongil Group employees were donating part of their salaries toward a 2 million won contribution to the company. Hope Apparel, which began in 2009, originally was supported by the Women's Federation for World Peace, which donated funds for the purchase of sewing machines. Thanks to donations from the Tongil Group employees, the initial costs could be covered for a high-cost commercial sewing machine that works holes into buttons for men's clothes.

Tongil employees also funded support for the less fortunate. In April 2013, the Cheonghae Multicultural Children's Soccer Club was invited to watch a Seongnam Ilhwa Soccer Match. Tongil subsequently donated 20 million won to the Multicultural Comprehensive Welfare Center to cover the medical costs of multicultural families.

## **June 21, 1977**

### **National Council of Churches Issues Study**

#### **Document critique of Divine Principle**

On June 21, 1977, the Commission on Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. released to the press and other interested persons "A Critique of the Theology of the Unification Church as Set Forth in *Divine Principle*." The eleven-page "official study document," drafted by Sister Agnes Cunningham of Mundelein (Roman Catholic) Seminary, was issued "to clarify the claim to Christian

identity made by the Unification Church.”

The Commission acknowledged receiving Unification Church “statements of self-clarification” but disregarded them. It also admitted to “diversity in Christian belief and theology and, thus, internal disagreement.” Nonetheless, the Commission determined that the Unification Church “is not a Christian Church” and that its “claim...to Christian identity cannot be recognized.”

In an important response, published in the *Journal of Unification Studies*, Dr. Jonathan Wells concluded that “the NCC Critique, though cloaked in theological language,” looked “suspiciously like a witch-hunt.”

## **June 21, 2001**

### **UTS Awards Honorary Doctorates to True Parents**



Unification Theological Seminary awarded its first honorary doctorates in its history to True Parents who were present for Seminary’s 25th commencement exercises. Their citation read in part, “They have introduced the vision of a world based on true love. They have created a theology of heart that resolves the chaos of theology and philosophy. They are

leading humankind centered on the living God and the love of family.” Drs. Lee Kyung-june, President of Sun Moon University and Neil Albert Salonen, President of the University of Bridgeport, placed True Parents doctoral hood upon them, representing the bonds of kinship between the three primary institutions of higher education built by True Parents.

True Father delivered the traditional “**Founder’s Address,**” speaking for nearly four hours, likely a record for graduation ceremonies anywhere. He issued a call for the Seminary to maintain its founding vision as an interreligious school. He also explained the importance of lineage, challenging the school to provide its students a grasp of the innermost core of God’s heart and truth which culminates in true love and life being incarnated and carried forth.

Ten days prior to the awards ceremony, on June 11, a bolt of lightning destroyed the five-foot cross that had stood on the chapel for 70 years. Upon hearing of its demise, True Father said it is now time for all crosses to be removed.



## June 22, 2014

### God's Hope for America Holy Ground Pilgrimage Begins



The God's Hope for America bus tour began in San Francisco at the Twin Peaks Holy Ground, the first of the 55 Holy Grounds in the United States consecrated by True Father in 1965. The pilgrimage was organized to spark a revival among Unificationists who joined the 43-day tour at various stops across the country. Some 300 Unificationists gathered on Twin Peaks for the send-off. The tour covered 48 states and concluded in Eugene, Oregon, on August 3.

## June 23, 1989

### True Father Installed as Chairman of Korean Root-Finding Association



True Father was installed as the



*True Father delivers his Chairman's address to the general audience at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center's main concert hall.*

chairman of the Korean Root-Finding Association (KRFA), a national organization made up of the leaders of the 275 Korean traditional families, or

clans.

Also referred to as the Korean Family-Clan Chairmen's Association, the KRFA was organized to promote traditional Korean values, culture and the unity of the Korean people. At the installation ceremony True Parents each were presented with an ornate Korean traditional crown.

In his inaugural **address** True Father acknowledged Korea's "matchless respect for Heaven, loyalty, filial piety and etiquette," but stated, "Clan-level root consciousness should be sublimated for a higher root consciousness ... of all humanity." He called upon the association to "extend our love relationships to overcome the conflicts of this age, demolish barriers of age-long disharmony and realize a harmonious world." He emphasized that "the unification of South and North Korea should be accomplished on the foundation of homogeneity as one people through activating the root-finding movement of true love."

## **June 23, 2000**

**True Mother Awarded Grand Prix Peace Prize of UN  
IAEWP**





On June 23, 2000, True Mother was presented with the Grand Prix Peace Prize of UNIAEWP (International

Association of Educators for World Peace) at the Folk Museum of Lotte World in Seoul. The Grand Prix Peace Prize is called the Nobel Prize of educational circles and is an award of the highest authority that is presented to those who have contributed to the development of education and human rights. Acknowledged for her contributions to improving the rights of women, True Mother is the first Korean woman to receive this prize. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## **June 25, 1950**

### **Korean War Begins**

The Korean War broke out when the army of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) crossed the 38th Parallel and invaded the Republic of Korea (South Korea). The conflict pulled in China and the United States. Eventually, sixteen UN member nations provided troops to the South. The war continued for more than three years until the Korean Armistice Agreement (not treaty) was signed on July 27, 1953. The hostilities resulted in a death toll of over 1.2 million.

True Father was in Heungnam prison camp at the war's outbreak. Following their landing at Incheon led by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, UN and South Korean

forces fought their way north, subjected Heungnam prison and factory complex to a massive aerial bombardment and liberated True Father after two years and eight months of confinement. According to Unification teaching, the division of the peninsula and the Korean War were deeply intertwined with providential history and True Father's mission.

## **June 25, 1965**

### **True Father Meets President Dwight D. Eisenhower**

True Father met for 45 minutes with former U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower at his Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, office as part of his first world tour. He was accompanied by Mrs. Won Bok Choi, Col. Bo Hi Pak, Kenji "Daikon" Ohnuki and Gordon Ross. True Father noted that the day marked the 15th anniversary of the start of the Korean War.

In their discussion True Father focused attention on three points: the need for a strong anticommunist ideology and movement; the need to bring a halt to moral decay; the need for an active, dynamic religion. President Eisenhower agreed, saying: "Man is a spiritual being. We must bring to bear a greater moral strength based on moral law to stand against the communists. It will take the vigor of youth to do this." True Father presented the former U.S. president with several gifts, and President Eisenhower wished him the "greatest success."





True Father and President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## **June 25, 1985**

### **Rally for Religious Freedom**

More than eleven hundred ministers from a broad range of denominations gathered from around the country in Washington, D.C., to affirm religious freedom and protest the unjust imprisonment of True Father at Danbury Federal Penitentiary. The rally was sponsored by the Coalition for Religious Freedom and the University Alliance for God and Freedom.

Across from the White House, several ministers held handcuffed arms high in the air and a mock jail cell held a gagged woman dressed in white with an inscription that read, "Lady Justice Imprisoned by Blind Government Officials." This was one of a series of rallies and conferences that led up to True Father's release on August 20, 1985.



The Rally for Justice and Religious Freedom took place on June 25, 1985.



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## June 26, 1963

Launching Ceremony of *Cheon Seung Ho*  
(Heaven's Victory)



True Parents held the launching ceremony of *Cheon Seung Ho* at a dockyard in a quayside at Manseok-dong, Incheon City, Gyeonggi Province with around 200 Unificationists in

attendance.

On this day, True Father prayed in his benediction, “*Cheon Seung Ho* means that Heaven has won and this launching ceremony of *Cheon Seung Ho* is being held as it is the starting point of all victories in heaven and on earth.” True Parents had already begun preparing for the maritime providence by this time.

## June 26, 1984

### Senate Committee Hearing on True Father’s court case

After the Court of Appeals denied True Father’s appeal and upheld his eighteen-month sentence for tax evasion, the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee’s Subcommittee on the Constitution convened a hearing on religious freedom. Chaired by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the hearing looked

into whether the verdict in True Father’s case had been a violation of religious freedom. More than three hundred invited persons and observers as well as media crews were present.



After the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution hearing, Sen. Orrin G. Hatch and True Father shake hands.

In his prepared **remarks**, True Father stated, “In 1971,

God called me to come to America and ... for the last 12 years I have given my heart and soul and every drop of sweat and tears for the sake of this nation.”

He listed a number of the vast array of projects undertaken by the movement at the cost of “several hundred million dollars,” denied that he had defrauded the U.S. government of a few thousand dollars, and expressed gratitude that God was “using me as an instrument to lead the fight for religious freedom and to ignite the spiritual awakening of America.”

## **June 26, 1985**

### **U.S. Clergy Rally for True Father**



On June 26, 1985, members of the clergy held a religious freedom rally in Washington, D.C., in protest against True Father’s incarceration in Danbury. Participants, who wore a white sash, marched in protest toward the White House, singing the gospel song “We Shall Not Be Moved” at Lafayette Square on the other side of Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House.

The clerics raised their handcuffed hands above their heads and prayed for religious freedom. Around 1,000 clerics from different denominations participated in the rally, as did around 2,000 Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) members from fifty universities, including the University of California, Berkeley, and Harvard University,. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## **June 26, 1994**

### **Dr. Theodore Shimmyo inaugurated as second Unification Theological Seminary president**

Dr. Theodore Shimmyo was inaugurated as the second president of the Unification Theological Seminary at the seminary's 18th commencement exercises. He succeeded the seminary's first president, Dr. David S.C. Kim, who had served for nineteen years since the seminary's founding in 1975. Dr. Shimmyo, a graduate of the seminary's first class, had been a professor of systematic theology and assistant academic dean. In his acceptance speech, "[A Place Where Leaders Are Educated](#)," he pledged to "make sure that this seminary serves the rest of the Unification community, this nation and the world, with a desire to shoulder their burdens."

## **June 28, 1982**

### **True Mother's petition to Judge Gerard Goettel**



On May 18, 1982, a jury for the Southern District of New York returned a guilty verdict against True Father for filing false tax returns from 1973 to 1975. Groups and individuals representing more than 120 million Americans later filed briefs in support of True Father's appeal. However, the immediate concern was the penalty that the trial judge, Gerard Goettel, would impose.

On June 28, several weeks prior to his decision, True Mother wrote the judge, petitioning him to pray and be guided by God in his deliberations. She wrote: "I believe that I have had the most blessed life of any woman who has ever lived in being married to my husband. He has totally dedicated his life to the service of God and humanity. ... From the time I was a young girl, I prayed fervently to live a pious life and to marry a pious man. God listened to every one of my prayers and blessed me more abundantly than I could have ever imagined." She noted that she had just given birth to their thirteenth child and that the trial proceedings were very difficult, but she "chose to sit by my husband's side every day." She emphasized that True Father "continued to inspire us with messages of forgiveness and compassion ... [he] would not allow any of us to harbor any hostility

towards the government, the prosecutors or any of the witnesses.” She asked the judge to be “compassionate and lenient.”

On July 17, 1982, the court sentenced True Father to 18 months in prison and a \$25,000 fine plus costs.

The only positive outcome was Judge Goettel’s “binding recommendation” against deportation. The government’s lawyers were eager to deport True Father and pressed Judge Goettel not to issue an opinion on the matter. However, in this instance Judge Goettel did not see things the government’s way. His position was that deportation, in addition to the eighteen-month jail sentence that he himself had imposed, represented “excessive punishment.” The decision, though technically a recommendation, was binding on the Justice Department and could not be appealed.

## **June 29, 2003**

### **Washington Declaration**

The Washington Declaration was the second in a series of three declarations, the others being the Jerusalem Declaration (May 18, 2003) and the Seoul Declaration (August 15, 2003), which were offered on the foundation of the First, Second and Third Israels. Each of the declarations focused on interreligious reconciliation and peace. Together they led to True Parents’ “Declaration Ceremony for the Beginning of the Nation of the Fourth Israel” on August 20, 2003.

July

## July 1, 1982

### Holy Blessing of 2,075 Couples



A large percentage of American Unificationists participated in a record-setting Marriage

Blessing of 2,075 Couples officiated by True Parents at New York's Madison Square Garden. This number eclipsed the previous record of 1,800 couples wed by True Parents in 1975, which the *Guinness World Records reference book* recorded as the largest mass wedding in history.

Engagement ceremonies of 705 couples in May 1979, 843 couples in December 1980 and 653 couples in June 1982 led up to the ceremony. More than 60 percent of the couples were either interracial or cross-cultural. With this event, the U.S. church demographics went from primarily single people to mostly married people virtually overnight.

## July 1, 1991

### Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing



True Father proclaimed the Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing (*Chil Il Jeol*) at a special ceremony at True Parents' residence in Seoul's Hannam-dong neighborhood. On that day, True Father began a new era in which blessed families, as tribal messiahs, inherited True Parents' realm of victory.

At the ceremony True Father **prayed**, "I have designated this day, the first day of July, to be the one on which we can apply and declare ourselves to be tribal messiahs across the world." He said that Unificationist families no longer belong to any nationality but are members of the Royal Family. He advised Unificationists to create a new spiritual attitude and train themselves to overcome their fallen nature in working with their hometown communities.

## July 1, 1998

### Dedication Ceremony of Jardim, Brazil Education Center for Ideal Families and World Peace



On July 1, 1998, beginning at 10 a.m., a dedication ceremony was held in Jardim, Brazil, for the Education Center for Ideal

Families and World Peace. Around 3,000 people, well-

known figures in Brazil and leaders from a variety of backgrounds in Jardim, came to the event.

True Father said, “The goal of the Jardim education center is to raise people who do not live for their own individual benefit but instead live for the country, the world and God as families and to raise people who live for the world, even though it means sacrificing one’s clan or nation.” After the dedication, FFWPU members from across the globe began to attend the Jardim forty-day workshops in this center to inherit True Parents’ heart and traditions. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee.)

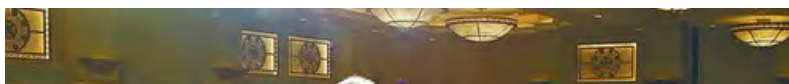
## **July 1, 2010**

### **True Father Holds 23.5-Hour Hoon Dok Hwe**

True Father, at age 90, hosted a historic Hoon Dok Hwe that lasted twenty-three and a half hours, speaking on the topic of “God Is the Owner and Victor” to Japanese women participating in a forty-day workshop for “world ocean leaders” at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu, Korea.

## **July 3, 2002**

### **Holy Blessing of 1,440,000 Second Generation Christian Youth and World Religious Youth**





True Parents officiated at a series of Interfaith Marriage Blessings centered on the American Clergy Leadership Conference (est. 2000) and the ACLC's "We Will Stand in Oneness" 50-state speaking tour (2001). The first of these was an Interfaith Marriage Blessing of sixty clergy couples presided over by True Parents in the Cotillion Room of the Hilton Hotel in New York City on May 27, 2001, which included, most prominently, Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo. The second was a blessing of 144,000 clergy couples, 700 of whom gathered as representative couples at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, on April 27, 2002.

The third was the Holy Blessing of 1,440,000 Second Generation Christian Youth and World Religious Youth on July 3, 2002. Seven hundred couples jammed the representative venue at the Sheraton National Hotel. A U.S. congressman offered a congratulatory address. World religious representatives, including a Native American chief, offered prayers. This time, the Nation of Islam brought 40 couples, the Sikhs 20 and the Hindus 20 in addition to other groups that "brought their lineages before heaven."

# July 4, 1776

## U.S. Independence Day

On July 4, 1776, members of the Second Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence, which explained the reasons for the 13 American colonies to separate



from the British Empire. Two days earlier, on July 2 in closed session, the same Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence. From the beginning, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, thereafter known as Independence Day or the Fourth of July. Independence Day is a **national holiday** marked by patriotic displays, barbecues and fireworks.

In 1976, the year of the American Bicentennial, True Father founded the “Bicentennial God Bless America Committee” to focus the bicentennial celebrations on God and to call America to its global responsibilities. True Father delivered major speeches at Yankee Stadium in New York City on June 1, 1976, and at the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., on September 18, 1976.

# July 4, 1955

## True Father Arrested in Ewha Womans University Incident

In late 1954 and early 1955, the newly founded Unification Church witnessed successfully on the campuses of Ewha Womans University and Yonsei University in Seoul. Nearly 400 students connected to the church, at which point Ewha President Helen Kim and Vice President Maria Park spearheaded a crackdown. Five Ewha University faculty members, including Dr. Young Oon Kim and Won Pok Choi, who had joined the church, were fired.

Students were given the choice to discontinue association with the church or be expelled. Fourteen students accepted expulsion. Finally, as a result of an orchestrated defamation campaign, True Father, Won Pil Kim, Church President Hyo Won Eu and two of Mr. Eu's relatives were arrested. True Father spent three months in Seoul's Seodaemun prison before being freed on appeal.

## **July 4, 1985**

### **True Father Transferred from Danbury to Phoenix House**



After serving nearly 12 months in Danbury Federal Correctional Institution in Connecticut, True Father was transferred to Phoenix House, a halfway facility in Brooklyn, New York,

where he served the final 45 days of his 18-month sentence, getting five months off for good behavior.

True Father was permitted to leave the house at 7:00 a.m. each morning and was required to return by 11:00 p.m. During the day he was free to direct church affairs.

## **July 4, 2002**

### **“A Cloud of Witnesses” published in U.S. newspapers**

Leading newspapers in all fifty states began publishing “A Cloud of Witnesses” spirit world messages in ad space purchased by the Unification movement. The spirit world messages were the result of “seminars in the spirit world,” initially for the four religious founders (Jesus, Buddha, Confucius, Muhammad) and subsequently for “120 Christians Who Illuminated History,” 120 leaders each from Buddhist, Confucian and Muslim traditions, and 120 communists. They also included a “Letter from God.” The seminars were led by Dr. Sang Hun Lee (d. 1997) and channeled through Mrs. Young Soon Kim. True Father authorized the messages, stating they “should be considered to be from me.”

The “cloud” testimonies were direct about True Parents’ position as the savior of all humankind and controversial among clergy associated with the movement. However, they also provided an opportunity for education. The movement convened “National Ministers Workshops” for several hundred clergy. As one leader put it, “The trial of the Cloud of

Witnesses led to a Divine Principle movement within the clergy.”

## **July 5, 1973**

### **First One Hundred-Day Workshop in Japan**

The first one-hundred-day workshop in Japan began on July 5, 1973, at the Atsugi Training Center in the city of Atsugi. Members had



responded to True Father’s words: “For people to become global leaders, there are three abilities they must have. Based on correct values, these are persuasion, public relations, diplomacy and business skills.”

Eighteen one hundred-day workshops were held, with Japan’s top executives participating. After that, it was replaced by a forty-day workshop. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## **July 5, 2007**

### **Cross-cultural Marriage Blessing Ceremony in the Sacred Reign of Peace**

As part of the 2007 World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF 2007), True Parents officiated an

international marriage blessing at Yoo Gwan-soon Indoor Gymnasium in Cheonan, Korea (one hour south of Seoul) on July 5. Under the title, “2007 Cross-cultural Marriage Blessing Ceremony in the Sacred Reign of Peace,” the blessing brought 1,634 couples together in holy matrimony. The blessing was the 7th Phase of the International Cross-cultural Blessing of 400 Million Couples. The ceremony was broadcast through the internet, so many other couples participated indirectly from all around the world.

Dr. Lee Soo-sung, former prime minister of Korea and H.E. Stanislav Shushkevich, former president of Republic of Belarus, offered congratulatory addresses. In his remarks, Shushkevich noted, “I had the privilege to be at the World Peace Blessing in 1992, when I was still head of state of Belarus,” he explained, “At that time we were so happy because of our new found freedoms. But looking back now fifteen years later I can say that freedom alone is not enough: we must have strong families and a strong moral structure if our nations are to prosper.”

## **July 6, 1992**

### **True Father Publicly Declares Messiahship**



True Father publicly declared his messiahship for the first time in a speech delivered to Women’s Federation for World Peace (WFWP) and Korean

civic leaders in Chungju, Korea. This was the first of four major gatherings that took place from July 6 to

9, 1992, in Korea's Seoul region, the southeast region, the southwest region and the mid-Korea region. In his speech, "**The Reappearance of True Parents and the Ideal Family**," True Father stated:

"God chose me to be the Messiah. ... I have fulfilled my mission as the Lord of the Second Advent, Savior and the True Parent. I am proclaiming this in this place because the time has come to do so. Those who accept this will be blessed. If this race listens to me, how good that will be for the country. How good it would be, if the statesmen listen to me."

True Father declared his messiahship on the worldwide level at the first World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) held in Seoul from August 19 to 30, 1992.



## July 7, 1958

### First Car Purchased for True Parents





True Parents' first car was bought on July 7, 1958. The car's plate number was "Seoul, Ja 747." True Father went on endless tours nationwide with this car. During summer and winter forty-day witnessing periods in particular, True Father was busier than usual, moving around the country to encourage witnessing members. At times, a church in a province would be preparing for a revival when suddenly it would receive information of an impending visit by True Father. All members would come out and warmly welcome him. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## July 8, 2010

**Convention to Proclaim the Embodiment of God's Word and the Era of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind**



True Parents hosted the Convention to Proclaim the Embodiment of God's Word and the Era of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind at the Cheon Jeong (Original) Peace Palace in Korea on July

8, 2010. Two thousand overseas members attended including some 640 from Europe and 130 from the United States. The convention culminated True Parents proclamation of a new heavenly calendar, their Golden Wedding Anniversary and Seunghwa Memorial Festivals held at the United Nations and elsewhere earlier that year.

In his **speech**, True Father stated, “True Parents have already prepared the last words I will give to humankind” and noted, “I am leaving behind eight textbooks and teaching materials for humankind to use for all eternity. These are published in almost a thousand volumes.” He called upon blessed families to carry our Hoon Dok education, establish an absolute family, and to “inscribe in your hearts the fact that we have entered the era of the realm of the cosmic Sabbath.” Through this proclamation ceremony, True Father stated, “all the borderlines in the entire cosmos have been abolished.”

## July 10, 1959

### Street Lecturing Begins at Pagoda Park, Seoul



On July 10, 1959, Korean members did street lecturing for the first time. Following True Father's

guidance, Hyun Shil Kang, Hui Ok Kim, and Seok On Jeong brought chalkboards to Seoul's Pagoda Park. They cleaned the area around the stone pagoda, set up the chalkboards and started lecturing Divine Principle. Many people would stop to listen to the lectures—at times over one thousand people. Though the crowds were not without those who criticized, most were moved by the new teachings and would applaud. The street lecturing went on for seven years. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## **July 10, 1993**

### **True Mother's "Completed Testament Age"**

#### **Speaking Tour in the U.S. Begins**



True Mother set off on a 23-city U.S. speaking tour in Honolulu, Hawaii on July 10, 1993. She concluded it in Columbus, Ohio on July 31. Leaders including woman leaders from all walks of life came to each event. True Mother emphasized the beginning of the Completed Testament age and the role of women through her speech, "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age." (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## July 11, 1893

### Kyung Yu Moon, True Father's father, born

According to the inscription on his tombstone, Kyung Yu Moon, True Father's father, was born on July 11, 1893. True Father notes in his autobiography that he could sing from memory the Christian hymnal which consisted of more than 450 pages, that he was not good at collecting debts but honored his pledge to repay debts, "even if it meant selling the family cow," and that he was large in stature and strong. True Father stated, "The fact that at age 90 I'm still able to travel around the world and carry on my work is a result of the physical strength I inherited from my father."

## July 11 ~ 24, 1987

### First Korean Professors' World Tour and Seminar



The First Korean Professors World Tour and Seminar,  
sponsored by the International Cultural Foundation

(ICF), was held from July 11 to 24, 1987, bringing together 144 professors from major universities throughout Korea for a program that took them to Kodiak, Alaska, Washington, D.C., and the New York City area.

Dr. Se Won Yoon, president of Sung Hwa Theological Seminary in Korea, served as convener of the seminar, which had as its central theme the responsibility of scholars in the quest for world peace. In their group discussions throughout their two-week stay in the United States, they expressed special enthusiasm to create responsive and scholarly leadership and a popular base for moving Korea toward democratization and unification.

## July 12, 2006

### Archbishop Milingo returns, begins married priest ministry



*Roman Catholic Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo and Maria Sung receive the Holy Marriage Blessing.*

True Parents blessed Roman Catholic Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo of Zambia to Maria Sung of South Korea in a Holy Blessing of Religious Leaders on May 27, 2001. In August 2001, Milingo announced that he would leave his wife, whom he now loved “as a sister,” and asked her to respect his wishes.

He then departed on a thirteen-month penitential retreat in Argentina and receded from public view over the next four years, until resurfacing dramatically

at a press conference in Washington, D.C., on July 12, 2006.

Milingo said he had lived through five years of “doubts and difficulties” and said, “The shadow of Maria Sung always hung over me.” He stated that he was reuniting with his wife and embarking on an “independent charismatic ministry” to reconcile married priests with the Catholic faith.

## July 13, 1984

**Universal Ballet Company established**



On July 13, 1984, the Universal Ballet Company was inaugurated at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center in Seoul. True Parents founded the Universal Ballet Company to raise Korean ballet to the world standard, to contribute to better international cultural exchange and to lead the globalization of Korean ballet arts. They have given the troupe its full support. True Parents wrote the calligraphic message “Rapid Advancement” on this day. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## July 13, 2001

### True Father Invited to Speak at Korea's National Assembly



True Father gave a speech in a conference room at the National Assembly Building in Seoul

on July 13, 2001. Congressman Man Seop Lee, the National Assembly's vice chairman, around fifty other members of the National Assembly from all parties and around 700 staff members were in the audience.

True Father gave the speech "The Liberation of God's Homeland," calling everyone to this cause, saying, "Let us establish head-wing and Godism values and completely commit ourselves to the unification of the Koreas for the sake of the nations on the Korean Peninsula and for world peace." (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## July 13, 2003

### Fourth Phase of the International Marriage Blessing Ceremony of 400 Million Couples





The Fourth Phase of the International Marriage Blessing of 400 Million Couples was held at 2 p.m. on July 13 at Yu Gwan Soon Gymnasium in Seoul, with True Parents officiating the event in front of some 3,550 couples. The blessing ceremony was broadcast throughout the world via satellite and the Internet so that 30,000 couples in the major cities of 186 nations of the world were able to participate in the ceremony simultaneously. The Blessing was the culmination of the World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) 2003, the ninth to be held since 1992. Couples pledged to take the initiative to realize world peace through true love as they began their lives as husbands and wives.

## **July 13, 2014**

### **God's Hope for America Pilgrimage Reaches Halfway Point**



Washington, D.C., marked the halfway point in the 2014 God's Hope for America Pilgrimage Tour as participants prayed at the 25th and 26th Holy Grounds established by True Father in 1965. The first

stop was the Holy Ground in the middle of the lawn on the west side of the U.S. Capitol building. The next stop was the Holy Ground located in the center of the Ellipse, an elliptical field directly south of the White House. The pilgrimage bus then drove to the Washington, D.C., church which had been purchased from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the Mormons) in 1977.

That evening The Washington Times held a banquet for pilgrimage participants, local church members, employees of The Times, friends and clergy. All were briefed about exciting developments at The Times, including the plan to be financially independent. In his closing remarks, FFWPU North America Director Dr. Ki Hoon Kim called on those present to “Remember; Revive; Re-imagine!”

## **July 15, 1958**

### **First successful Unification missionary arrives in Japan**

On July 15, 1958, missionary Choi Bong Chun arrived in Japan.



True Father

chose Japan as the place to begin foreign missionary work and sent Mr. Choi there. As this was before diplomatic relations between Korea and Japan had been established, coming and going between the countries was not easy. Missionary Choi got on the

ferry from Busan and settled in Tokyo after overcoming a series of difficulties. On October 2, 1959, he held the first worship services and started the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification of Japan. This year is the 57th anniversary of Japanese evangelism. (Materials provided by FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## July 15, 2003

### First Peace Cup Soccer Tournament begins



True Parents launched the first Peace Cup Soccer Tournament from July 15 to 22, 2003. One year earlier, the World Cup, soccer's most prestigious tournament, had been staged in Asia for the first time, jointly hosted by Korea and Japan. At that time, "soccer fever" gripped Korea, not only because it was a co-host nation but also because the Korean national team made it past the traditional soccer powers to the semi-finals.

After that tournament, True Father announced the establishment of the Peace Cup and said that Brazilian soccer great Pele had promised to support

its work of reconciliation within the world community. The first Peace Cup tournament brought eight professional soccer clubs to Korea, including Korea League champion Seongnam Il Hwa, the team True Father had founded in 1989. The inaugural tournament champion and \$2 million prize-winner was PSV Eindhoven (the Netherlands).

## July 15, 2011

### True Parents Meet Nigerian President

True Parents met newly re-elected Nigerian President Dr. Goodluck



Jonathan at the president's invitation on July 15, 2011. The president had invited True Parents to attend his inauguration on May 28. However, True Parents were unable to attend due to schedule conflicts during their 2011 World Tour.

In 2006, while governor of Bayelsa State, Dr. Jonathan and his wife received the Blessing from True Mother during her 120 Nation Tour. He was quoted as saying at that time: "The newspapers and television portray so much conflict and hate. That is why I am so elated to be an Ambassador for Peace and to be a part of UPF. After today, I only want to do more for peace." He also reportedly donated \$70,000 toward True Mother's speaking engagement in Nigeria.

During their audience, True Father offered the president three suggestions for the future of Nigeria. First, he strongly urged President Jonathan to honor God and God's laws and traditions at the center of his government and to channel Nigeria's national passion for religion toward being an asset for peace instead of a source of division. Second, he emphasized the importance of supporting strong marriages and families, so that Nigeria's traditional family tradition would not be eroded by a tide of secular and humanistic values threatening to sweep the country. Third, he voiced the hope that Nigeria would emerge as a model nation for all of Africa, and for the world. True Father also spoke to the president about lineage, harmony and tradition. Afterward, True Father spoke to 3,500 participants at a Universal Peace Federation (UPF) International Leadership Conference at the International Conference Center in the Nigerian capital, Abuja.

## **July 16, 1981**

### **True Father Sentenced to Prison in the United States**

Following what was described as "the most intensive and expensive criminal tax investigation of any religious figure in U.S. history" and a six-week trial riddled with procedural irregularities, True Father was found guilty of tax evasion and obstruction of justice. On July 16 he was sentenced to 18 months in prison and a \$25,000 fine plus costs. This marked

the beginning of a broad-based movement for religious freedom which eventually resulted in briefs filed by organizations representing 120 million Americans, that supported True Father's appeal of his conviction.

## July 16, 2012

### Establishment Rally for the Abel Women UN



True Parents  
inaugurated the  
“Abel Women  
UN” at the  
Cheongshim  
World Peace

Center in Korea on July 16, 2012. Women representing 193 nations, most of them members of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), attended.

In his **keynote address** True Father stated, “The fact is that the historic inaugural assembly of the Abel Women UN held today has been made possible

through the declaration of the advent of the global era of women.” In her **address**, True Mother said the establishment of the Abel Women UN would go beyond the level of women’s NGOs and “bring the governments around the world together.” She termed its establishment “the command of God which must be obeyed.” The Inaugural Rally for the Abel Women UN concluded True Father’s public ministry. It was, as True Mother later noted, “the last providential event ... [he] hosted on earth.”

## July 19, 2008

### True Parents Survive Helicopter Crash



The site of the helicopter crash suggests a true miracle of True Parents' survival.



True Parents reunite with their grandchildren following the helicopter crash.

True Parents miraculously survived a fiery helicopter crash near the Cheongpyeong Peace Palace. They were returning from a meeting in Seoul, along with ten members, three of their young grandchildren and three crew members, when they encountered a fog bank as they approached the heliport. When the pilot attempted to take the craft up and out of the pitch darkness, the helicopter tail struck a tall tree, causing it to plow through the woods at treetop level for a

hundred and fifty yards. It finally hit a large tree and crashed in a muddy wooded area near a small stream.

An urgent effort to escape the already burning helicopter ensued. Two security staff lifted True Parents through the hatch, which fortunately was still accessible. The grandchildren next were lifted up through the same exit. The remaining members then exited and everyone sought cover. Twenty minutes after the crash landing, the helicopter exploded. Amazingly, no one was seriously injured. True Father referred to their survival as “a miracle from God.”

## **July 20, 1957**

### **40-Day Pioneer Witnessing Tradition Begins**

The Unification Church’s 40-day pioneer witnessing tradition began on July 20, 1957 with member-pairs being sent to 120 villages and towns throughout the Republic of Korea. Prior to setting out for the witnessing condition, members fasted for 7 days. Thus, the tradition of a 7-day fast began at that time. In addition, 40-day training sessions for core church leaders began in 1957.

During the 40-day period, True Father made a condition of visiting each pioneer, giving them encouragement as an itinerant worker (IW). He traveled in a World War II jeep for that purpose. Members had little or no money and ate barley rations rather than rice. The first 40-day pioneer witnessing condition bore fruit in subsequent

summer and winter 40-day pioneer witnessing not only in Korea, Japan, the United States and elsewhere.

## July 20, 1984

### True Father Enters Danbury Federal Correctional Institution

Having exhausted all of his appeals, including a petition before the U.S. Supreme Court, True Father entered the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury (Connecticut), just before midnight on July 20, 1984. He would remain there until July 4, 1985, when he was moved to Phoenix House, a halfway facility in Brooklyn, New York, where he served out the remainder of his 13-month incarceration.

In his **farewell speech** on the evening of July 20 before departing from East Garden, True Father told members, “This is a glorious, victorious and historic day,” and asked them not “to send me off in tears” unless they were “tears of determination, telling me, ‘Trust us. We are going to bring 100 times greater victory in the days to come.’” He said, “Wherever I go, whether it is a high place or a low one, my life will be the same life,” and noted, “I am going to prison on the worldwide level at this time,” having already gone to prison on the individual, family and national levels.





## July 22, 1997

### Leaders Rally to Build True Families Tour begins

The Leaders Rally to Build True Families Tour began in Seoul's Gangnam area on July 22, 1997, and covered sixteen cities, ending on August 6. True Mother conveyed a message of true love to leaders from all walks of life through her speech, "True Family and True Universe Centering on True Love." Before each rally True Father would telephone True Mother from South America to encourage her, and after each rally they held simultaneous victory celebrations. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## July 22, 2014

### Second Aloha Workshop Begins



A special two-week blessed children's workshop, the



“2014 True

Parents’ Aloha

Reunion,” was held at Kona, Hawaii, from July 22 to August 4. True Mother had convened the first Aloha workshop in 2013 with a small group of participants that included several of her grandchildren and several Second Generation youth of the same ages. In 2014, the scope was expanded to include a total of 40 Second Generation youth, ages 15-16, from around the world.

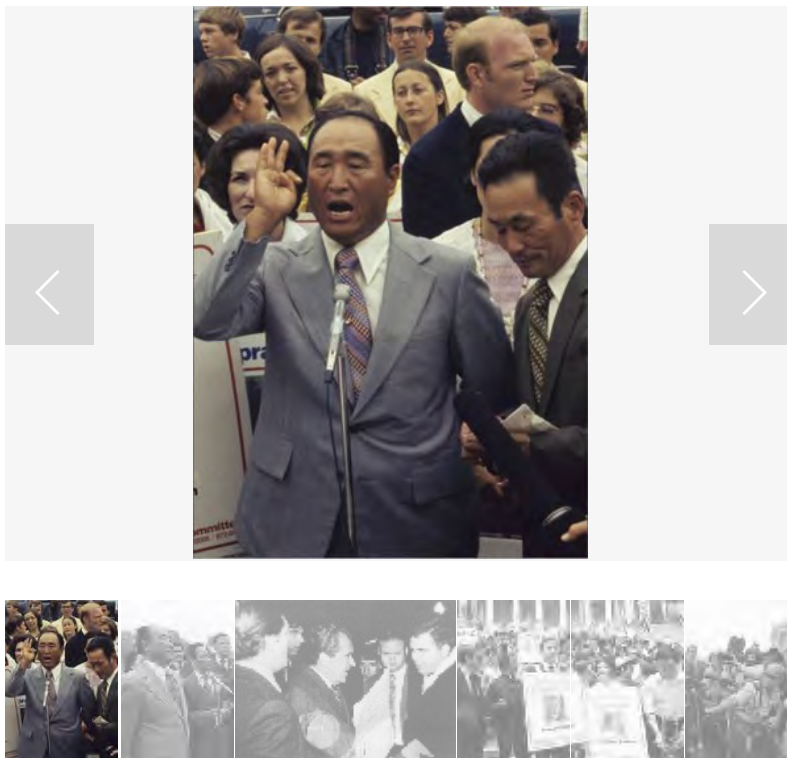
True Mother participated in the opening and closing ceremonies, telling the participants that they “are like pure water from a deep source that can naturally overcome any obstacle through giving true love.” She asked all counselors to teach two main points, “*kamsahamnida*(thank you) and *saranghamnida* (I love you),” which she said summarized the whole of Divine Principle. The first week was based on the Principle and the second week centered on True Parents’ lives. Afternoons included numerous activities, such as a sports festival, a tour of Hawai’i Island, beach outings, visits to the Akaka Falls State Park and Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park, and fishing. The workshop was sponsored by the WonMo PyeongAe Foundation.

## **July 22 ~ 24, 1974**

**3-day fast and vigil at the U.S. Capitol for the  
Watergate Crisis**

True Father launched a forty-day National Prayer and

Fast for the Watergate Crisis (NPFWC) in late 1973. Stating that “the crisis for America is a crisis for God,” True Father directed a multi-faceted campaign that included publication of his “Answer to Watergate” statement, rallies, letter-writing, leafleting in all fifty states and eventually a meeting with then President Richard Nixon. True Father was especially concerned that the United States stands unified and strong in the face of communist aggression. In the end, the Watergate tapes doomed the Nixon presidency.



Nevertheless, True Father mobilized 610 members for a 3-day fast and vigil on the steps of the U.S. Capitol at the height of the crisis from July 22-24, 1974. Those participating wore placards with a quotation from True Father’s Watergate statement on the back and a picture of the elected or appointed official for whom they were praying on the front.

The vigil received national exposure. Seventy-six congressmen and five senators came out to meet the person praying for them. Newspapers across the nation carried pictures and interviews in over 350

stories. Local television stations and all three broadcasting networks showed film of the event and described it in their newscasts. Among the news magazines sending their own reporters to cover the vigil were *Time*, *Newsweek*, *New Republic*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *New Yorker*, and the *Washingtonian*.

## July 24, 1963

### 124 couples Holy Blessing

True Father noted that the 36 Couples, 72 Couples and 124 Couples “are one team which cannot be separated.” Providentially, the 124 Couples (sometimes referred to as 120 Couples) represented Jesus’ 120 disciples and signified the nations of the world. The 124 Couple Blessing was one of the conditions by which True Father undertook his first world tour, establishing 120 holy grounds throughout the world. The ceremony was conducted in a community hall and couples paraded through Seoul in a convoy of cars, thereby testifying to the growth of the church before Korean society.



# July 24, 2010

**Second Convention to Proclaim the Word That  
Firmly Establishes the True Parents of Heaven,  
Earth and Humankind**



True Parents convened a second “Convention to Proclaim the Word That Firmly Establishes the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind” at the Manhattan Center in New York on July 24, 2010. The first convention was conducted on July 8, 2010, at the Cheon Jeong Gung Peace Museum in Korea.

The second convention, as the first, culminated a number of milestone events in 2010 including True Father’s 90th birthday, the declaration of his “last words” to humankind, establishment of a new “Heavenly Calendar” and Seonghwa “Legacy of Peace” Memorial events at the United Nations and elsewhere, True Parents’ 50th Holy Wedding anniversary, and two proclamations in Las Vegas signifying that True Parents had “achieved ultimate unity and offered and proclaimed the era of [God’s] full transcendence, full immanence, full authority and

omnipotence upon the standard of perfection, completion and conclusion.” True Father boldly declared Korea to be “God’s homeland” and said that humankind was “now entering the era of the authority of God’s direct dominion.”

## **July 26, 2004**

### **Fifth Phase of the 400,000 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony**



At an indoor stadium not far from Sun Moon University in Asan City, near the city of Cheonan, about an hour’s drive south of Seoul, the 5th Phase of the 400,000 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony was held on July 26, 2004, for thousands of couples. The Blessing took on an added significance, as it culminated the 10th World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF). Prominent religious leaders representing various faiths of the world added their blessings to the couples.

Some 300 prestigious participants of the Interreligious and International Federation for World

Peace (IIFWP) Assembly 2004 conference, representing 120 nations, including several former presidents, prime ministers and current heads of state, joined not only to observe but support the effort to strengthen families. Stanislaw Shushkevich, the leader of Belarus from 1991 to 1994, said in his congratulatory remarks, “All the events in the WCSF have as their goal the realization of world peace. However, it is clear that the creation of good families is the foundation for a culture of peace.”

## **July 27, 1993**

### **National Parents’ Day Proclaimed**

On July 27, 1993, the day before True Mother delivered her “True Parents and the Completed Testament Age” address on Capitol Hill, the U.S. Congress passed a resolution introduced by Senator Trent Lott (R-Miss.) which designated July 28 as “National Parents’ Day.” The following year, President Bill Clinton signed the Congressional Resolution into law, authorizing that the last Sunday in July be recognized as “National Parents’ Day” for the purpose of “recognizing, uplifting and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children.”

## **July 27, 1999**

### **Original Holy Ground Consecration Ceremony in Brazil**



On July 27,  
1999, at 4:18  
a.m., at Hotel  
Americano in

Brazil's Pantanal region, True Parents led a dedication and offering ceremony of HotelAmericano as "the Original Holy Ground, Root Holy Ground and Victory Holy Ground."

In offering the space to God, True Father prayed, "We wish You to see the era of all-transcendence, omnipresence, full authority and omnipotence that can bring the voluntary surrender of the enemy, Satan, and establish the realm of Your autonomy in the universe!" In a speech ten days later, he said, "Finally we built the site that can become the Origin of Heaven." In addition to the Jardim Training Center, he envisioned building "an airfield, a railway and a marina" so that "this place ... will become a flourishing city," greater than Venice. He described the site as being located "at the end of the earth, the very end of the earth" and called on Unificationists to visit it every four years.

## **July 28, 1993**

### **True Mother Speaks on Capitol Hill**

Culminating True Parents' speaking tour of 33 U.S. cities under the theme of "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age," True Mother spoke before an audience of U.S. senators, congressmen, their aides and other dignitaries on Capitol Hill in the

Dirksen Senate Office Building on July 28, 1993. She was introduced by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), who acknowledged True Parents' long suffering and personal sacrifice, commended their investment in *The Washington Times*, and referred to True Mother as "my friend." In her speech, True Mother declared "the dawn of the Completed Testament Age" and "the establishment of the first True Family."

## July 28, 1993

### Family Federation for World Peace established



True Parents convened the Inaugural World Convention of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) before 400 delegates and over a thousand participants at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C., from July 30 to August 1, 1996. This was the Unification movement's most spectacular federation launch and included an astounding list of dignitaries: two former U.S. presidents of the United States, Gerald Ford and George Bush; former Costa Rican President and Nobel Peace Prize winner Oscar Arias; former Prime Ministers Edward Heath of Great Britain and Brian

Mulroney of Canada; thirty-six one-time heads of state or governments; university presidents including Boston University's John Silber; Christian television personality Robert Schuller; Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed; Coretta Scott King, the widow of Martin Luther King Jr.; Maureen Reagan, the daughter of former U.S. President Ronald Reagan; well-known comedian Bill Cosby; and Christian singer-actor Pat Boone. In addition, the main proceedings were covered live by C-SPAN television network.

True Mother delivered an opening plenary speech on the "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation," and True Father spoke on the theme "In Search of the Origin of the Universe" at the convention's closing banquet. Externally, FFWPU was a high-level forum for world leaders and scholars to address issues related to the family. Internally, it marked a further stage in the movement's development beyond salvation of the individual to salvation of the family.

August

## August 1, 1996

### First National Messiah Workshop

In 1996, True Father announced his intention of sending out “National Messiahs” to complete international missions. The condition for couples to be appointed as National Messiahs was that both husband and wife complete a 40-day workshop at

the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center in Korea. The first 40-day workshops were for senior Korean members and missionaries who had served in Unification Church overseas missions for 21 years.

The first National Messiah Workshop for the movement’s general membership, including blessed couples and Tribal Messiahs, began at Cheongpyeong on August 1, 1996 and concluded on September 9. Over 300 National Messiah candidates attended. In the end, almost 200 couples or spouses participated in a lottery to receive one of the 183 nations to which True Parents would send National Messiahs. From “Abel” nations — the United States, Canada, England and France — 121 couples received nations in the lottery, whereas from “Cain” nations — Germany, Italy and Austria — 76 couples were given nations. Nations were to be assigned an “Adam” National Messiah couple from Korea, an “Eve” National Messiah couple from Japan, in addition to the Western “Abel” and “Cain” National Messiah

couples. True Father directed that National Messiahs should be prepared to invest three generations of their family in their assigned country.

## **August 2, 2012**

### **True Father's final visit to Osan School**



On August 2, 2012, True Father suddenly decided to visit Osan School. True Father's great-uncle Yun Kook Moon helped found the school, and it was a hotbed of Korean patriotism during the Japanese occupation. True Father enrolled in Osan School in 1934. There he received a patriotic education based on Christianity until he transferred to Jeong Joo School, which was run by the Japanese, one year later. Osan School was re-opened in Pusan after the Korean War and re-established on November 26, 1955, in Bokwang-dong, Yongsan-gu, Seoul.

True Father called a number of education leaders to join him and arrived at 5 p.m. He recalled his past while listening to the testimony of Chang Yeol Lee, his cousin on his mother's side. In all, the visit lasted three hours, after which True Father returned to Cheongpyeong. While speaking, he coughed quite

often, but it didn't seem to bother him. Those present felt sorry about his condition.

## **August 3, 2012**

### **True Father Admitted to St. Mary's Hospital, Seoul**



Following the Inaugural Rally for the Abel Women UN on July 16, 2012, True Father caught a cold. It

worsened and developed into pneumonia.

Complications set in, and on August 3, he was admitted to Seoul St. Mary's Hospital, known in Korea as Seong Mo (Holy Mother), one of the nation's finest hospitals.

There, over the ensuing ten days True Father received every possible medical test, including several X-rays and PET CT blood tests. He spent that period in a private room at the hospital, not in the intensive care unit. On August 12, True Father insisted on returning to the Cheon Jeong Gung. There his condition worsened, and after a day True Mother rushed him again to St. Mary's. True Father remained in St. Mary's Intensive Care Unit until August 31, when he was taken to Cheongshim International Medical Center.

## **August 3, 2014**

### **God's Hope for America Tour Concludes**



The 43-day, 48-state, 55-Holy Ground tour which retraced True Father's establishment of Holy Grounds in the United States in 1965 concluded appropriately on Saturday, August 3, in Eugene, Oregon, where the American mission began in 1959. The tour had begun in San Francisco on Sunday, June 22, as a nationwide pilgrimage intended to rekindle True Father's vision of the United States as "a champion of God."

In commenting on the tour, FFWPU Continental Chairman in North America Dr. Ki Hoon Kim stated: "In these 43 days of the pilgrimage, we really want to inherit the spirit of True Father and True Mother. We don't want to simply remember; there is no meaning in just remembering, just thinking of the past. This brings no meaning in our daily activities. We have to build our vision for tomorrow. ... We must unite and rebuild our church and family, and make this country God's hope."

**August 5, 2007**

**World Peace Center, Pyongyang, North Korea,**

dedicated



In support of the peace movement initiated by True Parents, the completion ceremony for the World Peace Center in Pyongyang, North Korea, was held on August 5, 2007. FFWPU leaders came from South Korea, Japan and the United States to take part in this event, along with North Korean and South Korean dignitaries including the vice chairman and secretary general of the Chosun Committee for Peace in Asia and the Pacific. True Father remarked, “The environmental circumstances were in place to a certain extent,” indicating that the time was ripe. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## August 8, 1987

### Hyo Jin Moon Leads March to Berlin Wall



*Hyo Jin Moon bravely leads  
2,000 marchers on their way*

World CARP held its  
Fourth World  
Convention in Berlin,  
Germany, from August 2  
to 8, 1987, during the  
waning days of the Cold

attempted to block the  
convention by denying

CARP hotel and convention space. When those tactics failed, the leftist opposition resorted to heckling and shouting abuse at almost every event, throwing paint and stink bombs, slashing tires of 20 CARP vehicles and setting fire to a CARP bus. Nevertheless the convention was successful, with 3,000 people attending various events.

The convention's high point was on its last day, when 2,000 CARP members and others marched 7 kilometers from the center of Berlin to the Wall near Checkpoint Charlie. In spite of the hazards, World CARP President Hyo Jin Moon insisted on walking at the front of the march. Members carried flags from their countries of origin, coffins depicting the millions of deaths under communism and placards that read "Die Mauer muss weg!" ("The wall must go!"). Police provided protection, but several hundred counterdemonstrators attempted to disrupt the march by shouting and throwing paint and eggs.

At the rally Hyo Jin Moon delivered a passionate address, then rushed through the crowd directly to the Wall, calling on others to join him in prayer. World CARP's "Jericho March" was an important steppingstone to True Parents' Moscow Rally in April 1990. In the following days, for the first time since 1961, a demonstration was held in East Berlin to protest the Wall. Young people there also were shouting "Die Mauer muss weg!"

# August 8, 2014

## Dedication Ceremony for True Parents' Archives



True Mother dedicated True Parents' Historical Archives on the morning of the August 8, 2014, at the Family Federation Headquarters in Cheongpa-dong, Yongsan-gu, Seoul. As one of the events being held in commemoration of the second anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa, the dedication was attended by some 200 persons, including World Headquarters Director Sun Jin Moon, President Kwon Jin Moon, and Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures Publishing Committee President Young-Hwi Kim.

True Mother performed the unveiling of the signboard and the official ribbon cutting. In

her **prayer** True Mother said, “May this place, a treasure that preserves the historical records of how much True Parents loved humanity and how hard they worked for the completion of the providential history, be well preserved and, together with the erection of the Museum of True Parents’ Lives, express our desire to dedicate something bigger to You for future generations.”

## **August 10, 1981**

### **Violence against Unification Church Centers in Brazil**



1981 is remembered in the Brazilian Church as the year of the “great persecution.” Violence against the church

included the stoning or sacking of fourteen centers and burning of six more, five of which were completely destroyed. The riots were triggered by a series of media attacks against the church over four successive Sundays on the Globo Television Network’s “Fantastico,” a show with one of the largest audiences in Brazil.

Prior to the outbreak the Brazilian Church had experienced remarkable growth with a network of sixty-four centers throughout the country. During and following the attacks, hundreds of home church families sheltered members and became more committed to the Church. The destruction stimulated the Brazilian Church to later purchase an impressive

headquarters church in Sao Paulo from which to coordinate its work.

## **August 12, 1971**

### **First National Workshop for Pastors**

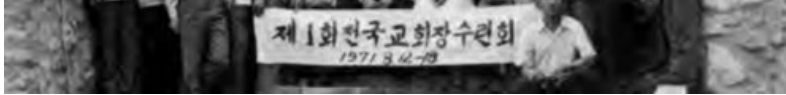


The first national workshop for pastors was held for eighteen days beginning August 12, 1971, at the

Cheongpyeong Training Center. This workshop was held within a month after the completion of the training center, and all participating pastors felt proud that a place of education and training had been created.

During the workshop True Father declared his vision that the training center would become the beginning point of missions around the world and that it would become an international holy ground. Today, with Cheon Jeong Gung having been built there, Cheongpyeong has become a hometown of the heart to all members around the world as True Father had said.





## August 12, 2014

**Second Anniversary of True Father's Universal**

***Seonghwa***



The second anniversary of True Father's Universal *Seonghwa* took place on August 12, 2014, at the Cheongshim Peace World Center. The anniversary commemoration culminated a series of major events beginning August 8. These included the dedication of True Parents' History Archives, World Summit 2014, which welcomed some 300 overseas dignitaries, a Symposium on Peace and Unity of the Korean People, Inauguration of the *Sunhak* Peace Prize Committee, and a program on "Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Women's Peace Initiatives in the Americas," among other events.

The *Seonghwa* commemoration, attended by more than 20,000, focused specifically on True Parents' "Peace Movement in the Americas." It included remarks by former U.S. Congressman Dan Burton and

a musical covering True Parents' providential work in the Americas. In her **Commemoration Address**, True Mother emphasized the theme "Forgive, Love, Unite." She said: "My husband and I forgave those who were unforgivable, and loved even the enemy that could not be loved. ... Even when we faced persecution, we did not harbor any ill-will but rather prayed for those who opposed us. By overcoming such challenges we were given even greater blessings than we could have dreamed of."

## **August 13, 1985**

### **Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) conference on the fall of the Soviet Empire**

Despite its declining, even exhausted economy, in 1985 the Soviet Union still appeared as formidable as ever. At that time, True Father insisted that the Second International Conference of the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA), scheduled for August 13 to 17, be convened under the title "The Fall of the Soviet Empire." Several prominent professors struggled with the title, considering it too extreme, but True Father refused to relent.



*The Second International Conference of the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA), scheduled for August 13 to 17, convened under the title "The Fall of the Soviet Empire."*

During the conference, over 150 "Sovietology"

experts and 100 international scholars presented 80 papers which resulted in four books. In the end, the conference was prophetic. Within a few years the Soviet Union began to crumble. One scholar, writing several years later in *The National Interest*, reported, “It is hard to believe that ... [Reverend Moon] got it right when the CIA, Brookings, RAND, Harvard, Columbia and the rest got it wrong.”

## **August 13, 1996**

### **True Parents Donate 29 Ambulances to Towns in Brazil**

In 1995, True Father undertook an ambitious speaking tour of twenty-three Latin American nations, which included audiences with eight heads of state. In these speeches and meetings, he emphasized the region’s “stunning and abundant potential.” That same year he began investing in properties, centering on Jardim, a town in the Brazilian outback state of Mato Grosso do Sul, a land of “two million people and twenty million cows.”

There True Father established New Hope Farm and made it a focus of the movement’s activity in the late 1990s. True Parents assigned UTS graduates from the Class of 1996 to 33 towns surrounding Jardim. When True Parents learned there were no hospitals in many of them, they donated 29 new ambulances to towns within a 200-kilometer radius of New Hope Farm and sent a medical team to each of them.

# August 13, 2012

## True Father's Final Prayer



*Though he is very ill, True Father takes time to visit the Cheongshim Middle and High School, Cheongpyeong World Peace Center and the Cheongpyeong Training Center.*

True Father was admitted to St. Mary's Hospital in Seoul on August 3, 2012, due to cold symptoms that worsened into pneumonia. On August 12, after 10 days of tests and treatment, he insisted on returning to the Cheon Jeong Gung

Peace Palace.

After arriving, True Father went from room to room in a wheelchair, visiting the East, West, North and South of the facility. He touched the table at which he and True Mother sat during Hoon Dok Hwe and many other items, now and then saying, "Please be well." Those things he could not touch with his hands he observed with his eyes, holding True Mother's hand tightly and repeating now and then, "Mother, thank you."

The following day, True Father's condition continued to worsen. Nevertheless, he insisted on visiting Cheongshim Middle and High School, Cheongpyeong World Peace Center and the Cheongpyeong Training Center.

He then went to the sitting room in the



Cheon Jeong Gung and asked for a digital recorder. He thought deeply for about ten minutes and then offered his final prayer:



*True Father takes time to visit the Cheongshim Middle and High School, Cheongpyeong World Peace Center and the Cheongpyeong Training Center.*

*Today, as I have returned the completion of the final perfection of the Father, I am aware that I have offered my whole life up to this moment to the Father. According to His Will, I am spending this time to bring my life to a conclusion, using this time to bring it to a close with Jeong Seong. ... Tribal messiahs have established a name that can represent the nation. I have accomplished all these tasks. I have accomplished everything.*

Afterward True Mother took True Father to Cheongshim Medical Center, where his strength appeared to fail, and he was rushed back to St. Mary's Hospital in Seoul. He remained in the Intensive Care Unit there until August 31, when True Mother directed that he be returned to Cheongshim Medical Center. True Father ascended on September 3.

## **August 15, 1945**

### **Japan Surrenders, World War II Ends**

Imperial Japan surrendered on August 15, 1945, bringing World War II to an end.



The war's end sparked nationwide rejoicing in Korea, which had been under Japanese domination for 40 years.

*A photo commemorating the Independence Day of Korea.*

Unificationists regard August 15, 1945 as the beginning of True Father's public ministry. According to True Father, "The end of World War II was a unique time in human history." It was, he stated, "the ideal time for the Second Advent."

At the same time, there were formidable challenges. Korea was occupied by new powers, the USSR in the North and the U.S. in the South. There was political chaos and social disruption with several million returning refugees; in addition, Korean churches were disunited, divided between those that had accommodated Shinto shrine worship under the Japanese and those that had resisted. Thus, while his countrymen shouted "Mansei" in the streets, True Father foresaw tremendous struggles ahead for Korea, and found it difficult to join in the independence celebrations.

## **August 15, 1948**

### **Republic of Korea Is Established**



*The Republic of Korea was formally established, with*

After Japan's surrender to the Allied powers, Korea did not gain its independence. Instead, the USSR and the U.S. established separate

*Syngman Rhee as the first president, August 15, 1948.*

trusteeships divided at the 38th parallel. In effect, Korea was

subjected to Soviet and U.S. military occupations. This fomented discontent, especially among Korean patriots. The UN General Assembly called for a UN-supervised general election, but this was rejected. A general election for a Constitutional Assembly was held in the South, a constitution was adopted and on August 15, 1948, the Republic of Korea was formally established, with Syngman Rhee as the first president.

Less than a month later, a communist regime, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was proclaimed under Kim Il Sung in the North. The division of Korea during the years 1945-48 was a political and providential failure. True Father traveled north in 1946 to avert this. In the end, he was arrested and spent nearly three years in a North Korean labor camp, liberated only after the outbreak of the Korean War, which resulted in a death toll of over 1.2 million.

## **August 15, 1957**

### ***Wolli Haesul* Published**

*Wolli Haesul* (Explanation of the Principle) was the first official publication of Unification Church doctrine. It is based on True Father's core revelation and teachings and was written by Hyo Won Eu, the church's first president, under True Father's direct

supervision. It followed *Wolli Wonbun* (Original Text of the Principle), True Father's handwritten text which circulated in copied manuscripts from 1952.

*Wolli Haesul* was the standard Principle text until 1966. At that time it was superseded by *Wolli Kangron* (Discourse on the Principle), which expanded the text's content and served as the basis of English translations *Divine Principle* (1973) and *Exposition of the Divine Principle* (1996). *Wolli Haesul* was instrumental in the church's expansion during the 1950s and early 1960s.

## August 18, 2000

### True Father Proposes Interreligious Council at the United Nations



The United Nations convened a Millennium Summit, from September 6 to 8, 2000, which was the largest gathering of world leaders in history to that date. It resulted in the UN Millennium Declaration and UN Millennium Development Goals. Prior to that meeting, the Unification movement convened Assembly 2000 from August 17 to 19 at the New York headquarters of the United Nations. It was co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions to the UN of Indonesia, Uganda

and Mongolia under the theme “Renewing the United Nations and Building a Culture of Peace.” More than 400 world leaders from over 100 nations attended, including Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica and Nobel Peace Prize laureate; Robert Dole, former U.S. Senate majority leader and Republican presidential candidate; the late Sir Edward Heath, former prime minister of the United Kingdom; Kenneth Kaunda, former president of Zambia; and Richard Thornburgh, former UN undersecretary general and governor of Pennsylvania.

The centerpiece of Assembly 2000 was True Father’s August 18 keynote address, “**Renewing the United Nations to Build Lasting Peace.**” True Father made three proposals. The key one called for the establishment of “an interreligious assembly to serve as a senate or council within the United Nations,” requiring that “each nation, in addition to its current ambassador, send a religious ambassador ... to serve as a member of the religious assembly or U.N. senate.” A second proposal called for the creation of “peace zones in areas of conflict ... governed directly by the United Nations” with a special emphasis on North and South Korea. The third called for an official commemorative day to uphold the ideal of the family, “Specifically ... that True Parents’ Day be established as a day of global celebration.” True Father’s proposals launched the Unification movement’s Ambassador for Peace and Abel UN efforts.

## **August 18, 2001**

**Workshop on Unification Thought and the Theory**

## of Victory over Communism for worldwide

### leadership begins



The first Workshop on Unification Thought and the Theory of Victory over Communism for the Worldwide Leadership was held at Jeju International Training Center from August 18

to 31, 2001. Around 500 leaders, including leaders of mission countries, national messiahs and heads of domestic organizations, were in attendance.

At the opening ceremony True Father emphasized, “Starting from the individual to the family, we must be decisive in this era of God’s sovereignty.” True Parents supervised and personally taught participants during the 14-day workshop. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee.)

## August 20, 1985

### True Father Released, Welcomed at “God and Freedom” Banquet



True Father's "Danbury Course" consisted of his indictment, trial, appeal and imprisonment on tax evasion charges. It was his sixth imprisonment and one of the most unjust. True Father was incarcerated at the Danbury Federal Correctional Institution in Connecticut from July 20, 1984, to July 4, 1985, and then from July 4, 1985, to August 20, 1985, at Phoenix House Foundation Inc., a halfway house in the New York City borough of Brooklyn.



On the evening of his release, 1,600 clergy and prominent laypersons gathered at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington,

D.C., to welcome True Father back at a "God and Freedom" Banquet. Earlier that day, twenty prominent clergy, including Rev. Jerry Falwell, head of the Moral Majority, and Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), usually at opposite ends of the religious-political spectrum, held a news conference at which they decried government encroachment upon religion and called upon President Ronald Reagan to pardon True Father.

In his **speech** at the God and Freedom Banquet True Father expressed his appreciation to those who had supported him through the court battles, amicus briefs and rallies, and



expressed his determination “to relieve the great and long suffering of God.” He called upon all present to “transcend denominationalism” and “to consider seriously the mission of Christianity to lead a supra-denominational, cultural revolution on a worldwide scale.”

## **August 20, 2003**

### **True Parents Call for the Founding of the Fourth Israel**

In May 2003, Christian clergy responded to True Parents’ call and went to Israel, where they repented together with Jewish and Muslim leaders for not having understood one another as brothers. On the foundation of the penitent heart demonstrated by representatives of the three Abrahamic faiths, True Parents called for the founding of the “Fourth Israel”—a new body of “chosen people” who were anointed by God.

True Father offered Holy Wine at a special August 20 celebration, and all who partook of this covenant not only were engrafted into the lineage of heaven and the True Olive Tree but also became the “Fourth Israel,” a new “chosen people of all races, religious faiths, and peoples.”

## **August 20, 2004**

### **Coronation of True Parents as King and Queen of Peace at Korea's National Assembly Library**



On August 20, 2004, the Cheon Il Guk Registration Blessing Ceremony of the Revolution of True Heart in the Era of True Liberation and Complete Freedom was held at the National Assembly Library in Seoul. In attendance were around 600 leaders, including Stanislav Shushkevich, a former president of Belarus, Nagajima Mamoru, a former minister of the Office of Science and Technology in Japan, and Father Hatoum, the provost of the Church of Saint George, Nazareth, Israel. On this day participating leaders from the different countries crowned True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace in acknowledgment of their interreligious and international peace endeavors. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee.)

## August 23, 2013

First anniversary of True Father's *Seonghwa*



Some 25,000 Unificationists, national-level leaders, academics and clergy from 60 countries attended the first anniversary of True Father's Universal *Seonghwa* at the Cheongshim World Peace Center in Gapyeong, Korea on August 23, 2013. Those who could not physically attend the event participated via live Internet broadcast, which was sent out to 193 nations. Numerous events and exhibitions commemorating the life and achievements of True Father preceded the occasion, including a Keepsake Exhibition that included 120 personal items such as True Parents' wedding clothes from 1960 and the suit True Father wore during his meeting with North Korean Premier Kim Il Sung.

The Memorial Ceremony included remarks by visiting dignitaries. The Hon. Jose de Venecia, former Speaker of the House in the Philippines said he "couldn't imagine" Rev. Moon passing away given his "endless enthusiasm" and "superhuman energy." At the same time, he noted, "I never met Father Moon when Mother Moon was not by his side. They were inseparable ... We are blessed that Mother Moon, who knows Father Moon better than anyone else does, is herself standing strong in carrying on the great work that Father Moon began."

A highlight of the second part of the memorial was a musical gala performance, "Crown of Glory," which depicted True Parents' life course. Songs that True Father loved were sung and True Mother stated, "It feels as if True Father might stride forward with a bright smile and ask, 'How have you been?'"





## **August 24 ~ 30, 1980**

### **True Father hosts World Tuna Tournament, Gloucester, Massachusetts**

True Father considered the ocean to be a solution to world hunger and a key to future human survival. He also wished to revitalize American seaports and spoke of the need for youth, especially inner-city youth, to be exposed to the challenges and excitement of sea-going life. An early effort to stimulate interest and excitement in the ocean was the “World Tuna Tournament,” which the Unification Church sponsored in Gloucester, Massachusetts, from August 24 to 30, 1980. Total prize money was \$100,000: \$70,000 for first prize, \$20,000 for second, and \$10,000 for third, the largest cash prizes ever awarded in a tuna-fishing tournament.

The tournament was controversial, given the negativity toward the Unification Church in the United States at that time, and many Gloucester fishermen boycotted the event. Nevertheless, 88 boats entered, 15 of which were part of the churches’ fleet. In the end, True Father’s New Hope boat won first prize, which was donated to charity. The World Tuna Tournament was a stepping stone toward the establishment of “Ocean Church” later in the year.

## August 24, 1992

### True Father's Declaration of Messiahship



In early July 1992, True Parents spoke in five cities around Korea at rallies sponsored by the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP). In his **speech**, "The Reappearance

of True Parents and the Ideal Family," True Father stated, "God chose me to be the Messiah." True Father intended this as a declaration to the Korean nation and had the speech reprinted in newspapers. On August 24, 1992, he made the same declaration, this time at a banquet at the Little Angels Performing Arts School for dignitaries attending the first World Culture and Sports Festival.

In his speech, titled "Becoming the Leaders in Building a World of Peace," True Father stated, "my wife, WFWP President Hak Ja Han Moon, and I are the True Parents of all humanity ... we are the Savior, the Lord of the Second Advent, the Messiah." True Father intended this to be a declaration on the world stage. It laid the foundation for his subsequent declaration of the Completed Testament Age and the globalization of the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony during the 1990s.

# **August 25, 1992**

## **International Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of 30,000 Couples**

True Parents conducted the International Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of 30,000 Couples in the Seoul Olympic Stadium on August 25, 1992. It was the centerpiece of the first World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF), held from August 19 to 30, and the largest Blessing ceremony yet conducted by True Parents. True Father stated that it marked the beginning of the worldwide Marriage Blessing era through which anyone, regardless of religion, could be blessed. He also noted that it occurred in the year that True Mother stepped forth as a public figure. Afterward, True Father announced that True Parents would conduct a Marriage Blessing for 360,000 couples.

# **August 25, 1995**

## **International Holy Marriage Blessing of 360,000 Couples**

True Parents took a major step forward in the August 25, 1995 International Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of 360,000 Couples, which was the central event of the



second World Culture

and Sports Festival, held August 20 to 27. The main site was at Seoul Olympic Stadium where 36,000 couples and additional onlookers gathered. Even more couples were linked simultaneously to the main ceremony at over 500 satellite locations in 160 nations.

True Parents extended an invitation to people of all religious persuasions to participate in the Blessing. As pointed out by Dr. Tyler Hendricks, president of the Unification Church in the United States at the time, "The Blessing isn't about changing your religion but about changing your character." For many thousands of previously married couples who participated in the International Holy Marriage Blessing of 360,000 Couples, the Blessing was both a blessing of their existing marriage and a public expression of their commitment to God, humanity and each other.

## **August 27, 1991**

**Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP)**

**Inaugurated**

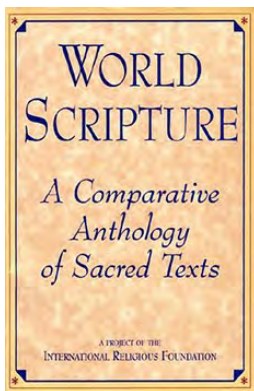
On August 27, 1991, the inauguration of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace was held at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center in Seoul, Korea. Some 1,200 people attended, notably representatives of twelve world religions including Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism. Religious scholars also attended the event. Participants vowed to work together to further world

peace and interreligious unity.

In True Father's keynote address, "**Religion's Mission for World Peace**," he emphasized that peace can be attained when there is harmony among religious traditions and a movement to realize world peace is pursued based on the activities of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## August 27, 1991

### ***World Scripture Unveiled***



A highlight of the Inter-Religious Federation of World Peace's (IRFWP) Inaugural Assembly was the unveiling of "**World Scripture: A Comparative Anthology of Sacred Texts.**" Commissioned

by True Father at the first Assembly of the World's Religions in 1985, completion of the nearly thousand-page text required the labors of more than 40 scholars and religious leaders from every faith. "*World Scripture*" compares passages from the sacred writings of the world's great religions as they deal with all the significant issues of life: God, the purpose of life, sin, salvation and the spiritual path, and demonstrates that there exists a vast sphere of spiritual common ground.

The text was edited by Dr. Andrew Wilson, professor of Biblical Studies at Unification Theological Seminary, and contains over 4,000 passages

gathered from 268 sacred texts and 55 oral traditions. Religions represented include Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism, Taoism, Jainism, Sikhism, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Baha'i Faith, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the Unification movement, among others. Scriptural texts are gathered around 165 topics and concerns shared by most or all religions.

## **August 28, 2006**

### **Third Generation Holy Marriage Blessing**



True Parents officiated a Holy Wedding Ceremony for the third generation of Unificationists, which included some of their own grandchildren (seen on stage). On the foundation of True Parents' victory in realizing God's kingdom of a peaceful, ideal world, a Holy Wedding Ceremony was officiated by True Parents on August 28, 2006.

## **August 31, 1965**

### **True Father Prays at Calvary and Gethsemane**

True Father visited Jerusalem on August 31, 1965, as part of his first World Tour. Two days previously, on August 29, he visited Mount Nebo where Moses stood and looked



*True Father visits Jordan prior to crossing over to Israel during his first World Tour*

over the Promised Land. The next day, he and his party crossed the Jordan River and visited the area where Jesus was reported to have been baptized and the Mount of Temptation. He went into the city through the gate Jesus entered on a donkey, went to the Temple Mount, visited Pilate's court and proceeded to Calvary under the altar of a Greek Orthodox Church. He went to Gethsemane at sunset, where he blessed a Holy Ground. Dr. Young Oon Kim, who traveled with True Father, wrote, "Our Leader and all of us burst into tears as he prayed on Calvary and Gethsemane."

## **August 31, 1989**

### **The Ceremony for the Settlement of the Eight Stages**



On August 31, 1989, in Kodiak, Alaska, the Ceremony for the Settlement of the Eight Stages was held. The

ceremony signifies the completion of all eight stages of both the vertical and horizontal courses of

indemnity. On the basis of this ceremony, the following day True Parents declared the “ideology centered on the Heavenly Father” at the same place.

September

## September 1, 1986

### CAUSA 10 Million Signature Drive launched

True Father planned to conduct a Moscow rally by 1981, but this was prolonged for nearly a decade due to court battles in the United States and the need to



A woman collects signatures for CAUSA USA

build up a stronger church. Having concluded the “Danbury Course” and established a multifaceted presence in America by 1985, True Father mounted a march to Moscow from 1985 to 1990. He understood that the Soviets respected strength and that any perceived weakness on the part of the West would set back the providence. Therefore he continued to expend resources in the fight against communism.

One major effort was a massive signature drive launched by CAUSA-USA on September 1, 1986. The goal was to obtain 10 million signatures, including names and addresses, on a form stating that the signers agreed with CAUSA-USA’s goals to:

- 1) Affirm a God-centered morality in America,
- 2) Uphold freedom for all,
- 3) Educate people about the dangers of atheistic communism.

Unificationists and some supporters worked aggressively in all fifty states to complete the drive by Thanksgiving. The signature drive “victory” had an especially positive effect on U.S. Unificationists, who gained self-esteem and confidence as a result of being able to accomplish one of True Father’s goals on the national level.

## September 1, 1997

### ***Hoon Dok Hwe* (scripture reading) tradition begins**

On September 1, 1997, True Father proclaimed a “New Start.” He began a tradition where all Unificationist families set aside one hour each morning from 6:00 to 7:00 to recite the Family Pledge (Core pledge of Unificationists), then hold a daily study and discussion of his words.



A *Hoon Dok Hwe* conference is held in Washington D.C. in 1999

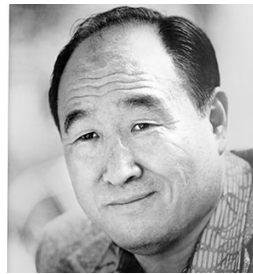
On October 13, 1997, True Father named the daily morning reading tradition *Hoon Dok Hwe*, which was understood to be a “gathering for reading and learning.” In addition to being a cornerstone of morning devotionals, the church sponsored *Hoon Dok Hwe* conferences for civic and religious leaders that focused on “reading and learning” True Father’s words. True Father’s words later would become the basis for the *Cheon Seong Gyeong* (2004) or “Heavenly Scripture.”

# September 3, 2012

## True Father's Ascension



True Father ascended into the spirit world at 1:54 a.m. on September 3, 2012 (7.17 by the Heavenly Calendar) in the loving company of True Mother and True Family. He had been admitted to St. Mary's Hospital in Seoul on August 3, 2012, due to cold symptoms that worsened into pneumonia.



True Father ascended to the spirit world on September 3 2012 and his seonghwa ceremony was held in Korea

On August 12, after 10 days of tests and treatment, he insisted on returning to the Cheon Jeong Museum where he went from room to room, visiting the East, West, North and South of the facility. The following day his condition worsened. Nevertheless, he insisted on visiting Cheongshim Middle and High School, the Cheongpyeong World Peace Center and the Cheongpyeong Training Center before returning to the Cheon Jeong Museum, where he offered **his final prayer**. Afterward he was rushed back to St. Mary's Hospital, where he remained in the Intensive Care Unit until August 31, when True

Mother directed that he return to Cheongshim Medical Center, the eighth floor, from where he ascended.

## **September 3, 1967**

### **Takarazuka Training Center opens in Japan**

On September 3, 1967, the Takarazuka Training Center in Hyōgo Prefecture, Japan opened. To build the training center, Unificationists had offered devotion by conducting a Mt. Fuji climbing tournament a year earlier.

A month before the training center opened, on August 7, True Parents visited



Takarazuka, prayed over the building and declared the site a holy ground. The Takarazuka Training Center is currently used for outreach and to hold workshops for young Unificationists in the Kansai area.

## **September 4, 1979**

### **Unification Theological School (Korea) first graduation**



On September 4, 1979, the Unification Theological School held

its first graduation at the old church headquarters in Seoul. Around 600 people attended, and two students from the Department of Theology and 174 students from the Department of Divinity graduated. At this ceremony, the principal of the school encouraged the graduates to be shepherds that do not neglect to further explore the truth. The Unification Theology School is the birthplace for young pastors who then go on to study at the Sun Moon University Theological Department.

## September 6, 2012

### True Father lies in state as thousands pay respects



Elected leaders, diplomats, clergy and academics from Korea and abroad were among 15,000 mourners who gathered on September 6, 2012, to pay their respects to True Father. Visitation at the Cheongshim Peace World Center was held from September 6 to 14 from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Visitors first watched a video of True Father and then moved to the first basement floor, where they received either an offering rose or a lily. They then had the opportunity to electronically input their names and a message to True Father. Numerous floral tributes expressing the condolences of various VIPs from Korea were on display. Beginning on September 9, the public had the opportunity to pay

their respects and offer condolences to the family at the Cheon Jeong Gung (Peace Museum), where his holy remains lay in state.

## **September 6, 2012**

**True Father Awarded National Reunification Prize  
from North Korea**



The Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on September 6 conferred the National Reunification Prize posthumously upon True Father, as reported by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA). "Moon positively contributed to realizing the nation's reconciliation and unity and the country's peaceful reunification and achieving the prosperity common to the nation," according to a KCNA report. On the same day the supreme leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Un, sent a floral wreath to the memorial altar for Rev. Moon that had been set up in the World Peace Center in Pyongyang.

## **September 7, 1965**

## Little Angels' First Overseas Tour

The Little Angels set off on their first overseas tour on September 7, 1965. After two years of intensive training and experience performing in Korea, the dance troupe performed in the United States in twenty-five states and in Washington, D.C. Audiences and the media praised them with reviews such as, “The young Korean children sang and danced as if angels themselves had come down and were performing.”

Their first performance was in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in front of Dwight Eisenhower, an ex-president of the United States. The three-month tour of the U.S. included 75 performances. On their way back to Korea, they held several additional performances in Japan and finally arrived home on December 26.

## September 7, 1993

### True Mother Speaks at United Nations

True Mother delivered the speech “**True Parents and the Completed Testament Age**” at the United Nations on September 7, 1993.



*True Mother gives her address at the UN headquarters September 7, 1993.*

This followed her delivery of the same speech at the U.S. Capitol on July 28 before representatives from

115 congressional offices and was the springboard to her world tour in which she delivered the same message at 25 rallies in Japan in September, on 40 Korean college campuses in October and in 40 nations during November and December.

Prior to her Capitol Hill and UN speeches, on April 10, 1993, the movement published “True Parents and the Completed Testament Age” in the newspapers of 160 nations. True Father delivered the “Completed Testament Age” proclamation in 12 U.S. cities during May 1993 and True Mother in 21 more during late May and June. At the UN event, 105 nations sent embassy and consulate representatives, including more than 60 UN ambassadors. His Excellency Stoyan Ganev, president of the UN General Assembly, introduced True Mother. She was the first Korean woman to speak in the United Nations.



*True Mother gives her address at the UN September 7, 1993.*

**September 7, 1995, September  
12, 2006**

**True Father Receives Honorary Doctorates**



*True Father receives an honorary doctorate from the University of Bridgeport September 7, 1995.*

The University of Bridgeport awarded True Father an honorary doctorate on September 7, 1995. In addition to honoring his work as a religious leader, the award was an acknowledgment of his role in saving the financially troubled university in 1992. Dr. Richard Rubenstein, the school president, stated, “Without him, the university would have died.” The head of the faculty council was quoted in *The New York Times* as saying she was “happy the university could formally thank a benefactor who had given so much.”

The Universidad Santa Maria in Caracas, Venezuela, awarded True Father a Doctor Honoris Causa degree on September 12, 1996, the first anniversary of the founding of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). The university’s vice president, Dr. Carlos Enrique Pena, who conferred the degree, explained, “When I learned about the life and work of Rev. Moon, I felt that it was the sacred duty of our university to offer the highest honor to recognize an extraordinary contribution to the field of human rights.”

## September 8, 1998

### ***Sa Sa Jeol* (4.4 Day) Declaration**

The four-position foundation is basic to Unification theology as the structural component of the cosmos, whereby individuals, families and the created order become centered on God. The tragedy faced by God, humanity, and the created world, according to True Parents' teaching, is that that foundation was usurped by Satan. As such, True Parents' mission has been to substantially restore the four-position foundation centered on God.

At 9:40 on the morning of September 8, 1998, at North Garden in Kodiak, Alaska, True Parents gave a prayer of benediction for the declaration of 4.4 *Jeol*. True Father stated: "If we add together the numbers 1, 9, 9, 8, 9, and 8 [the date written out in numerals], we get the number 44. On account of the fall of the human ancestors, Satan has been claiming ownership of the number 4, which is the number of Heaven's four-position foundation."

On that day True Parents declared "4.4 *Jeol*," which was understood to restore and establish the perfection number of the four-position foundation of earth. True Father stated that the installation of 4.4 *Jeol* means that God will be able to perform substantially His works of omnipresence, omniscience and omnipotence. Moreover, humankind was to enter an era of total liberation through the globalization of the Holy Marriage Blessing.

## **September 9, 1999**

### ***Gu Gu Jeol* (9.9 Day) Liberation Ceremony of Cosmic Unification established**

According to True Father, the *Gu Gu Jeol* (9.9 Day) Liberation Ceremony of Cosmic Unification extended the previous year's 4.4 *Jeol* declaration from the family to the cosmic level, "*jeol*" being the Korean word for "day" in the sense of a holiday or commemoration. The chief manifestation of this was the elimination of conditions needed to receive True Parents' Holy Marriage Blessing.

True Father connected the Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing (7.8 *Jeol*), established in 1997, to the 9.9 *Jeol*. The former, he said, culminated the re-establishment of elder sonship, parenthood and kingship in the era of restoration. Events afterward, he said, can be distinguished as events of creation in order to create the original world under God's sovereignty. After 7.8 *Jeol*, True Father declared that God could bless Satan who was the origin of the Fall. Passing through Satan's number 9 (at 09:09:09 on September 9, 1999) signified the starting point of God's cosmic nation.

## **September 10, 1999**

### **Proclamation of *Sam Ship Jeol* (3.10 Day)**

On September 10, 1999, at 10 minutes past 10 o'clock in the morning, True Father declared the Liberation of Cosmic Unification for the Parents of Heaven and Earth, or *Sam Ship Jeol* (3.10 Day). According to True Father, *Gu Gu Jeol* (9.9 Day) corrected all activities of the satanic world that went in the opposite direction and established a foundation upon which God can dwell.

On that foundation, at 10 minutes past 10 o'clock in the morning on September 10, the grace of blessing that enables humanity, in the name of True Parents, to embrace the entire universe from the highest position through the Day of Three Tens was established. The buffer zone between God's borderline and Satan's borderline, he said, united with a unified standard.

## **September 11, 2001**

### **9/11 attack on America**

The terror attacks of September 11, 2001, impacted the Unificationists as it did people worldwide. Prior to 9/11, True Father had called for a 12,000 couple World Clergy Holy Marriage Blessing scheduled for September 22 at New York's Madison Square Garden. The events of 9/11 not only forced the cancellation of the September 22 blessing but also challenged the interreligious and world peace premise upon which it was based. In the days after the World Trade Center's destruction, Unificationist

leaders and American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) clergy who were gathered in New York to prepare for the September 22 Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony, ministered directly to bereaved families as well as to police, firefighters and others at the site. Many went, starting from the first night.

Unificationists looked to True Father for guidance as to 9/11's meaning. He was in Kodiak, Alaska, at the time of the attack and learned of it through a note that was passed to him during morning devotions. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, currently the Special Emissary to the Americas, reported then that True Father "remained by himself and prayed" for the next three days, not appearing in public. He then made the decision to cancel the clergy Marriage Blessing and flew to New York on September 18. On arrival, he offered his interpretation of the tragedy. In his words, "Jesus was on the cross, now America stands on the cross of the world." The question was, how would America respond?

According to True Father: "Now is the time to change everything. America and Americans must take the lead in practicing 'Love your enemy.'" As he saw it, religious leaders needed to take the lead. They "must unite beyond their religion and guide the political leaders of their nations." He directed Unificationists convene an assembly on "Global Violence: Conflict and Hope" in October, and on November 15 he proclaimed *Cheonju Pyeonghwa Tongil Guk* (the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity). Just as Christianity emerged from the crucifixion and the Unification Church from the rubble of the Korean War, so True Father saw a new world rising from the devastation of 9/11.

# September 12, 2005

## Universal Peace Federation (UPF) Founded



*True Father speaks at the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation on September 12, 2005.*

True Father established the Universal Peace Federation on September 12, 2005, prior to the United Nations' 60th anniversary. Its



*True Parents at the inauguration of the Universal Peace Federation on September 12, 2005.*

inaugural convocation was held before 376 delegates from 157 nations at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall in New York. Its mission, True Father declared, was "to renew the existing United Nations and provide a new level of leadership as an 'Abel-type' United Nations."

As part of the launch, he also proposed a "World Peace King Bridge Tunnel" to "build a passage for transport across the Bering Strait." He described this as "a truly providential and revolutionary project" and

envisioned it as a crucial “link” in “an international highway system connecting the world as a single community.”

UPF was a successor organization to the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP, established in 1999). In addition to its UN renewal and Bering Strait initiatives, UPF led the movement’s Middle East Peace Initiative (MEPI), which sponsored interfaith “Pilgrimages for Peace,” and its Northeast Asia Peace Initiative (NEAPI), which supported Korean unification.

## **September 12, 2011**

**Ocean *Cheonjeong* Palace Hotel on Geomun Island dedicated**



The dedication ceremony of the Ocean *Cheonjeong* Palace Hotel on Geomun Island off the southern coast of Korea near the city of Yeosu, began at 10:30 a.m. at the newly built hotel located in Deokchon hamlet. More than three thousand people attended, including members of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC), church members, core members

of the Tongil Group, chief executives of providential organizations and corporations, Ambassadors for Peace, Japanese leaders, leading celebrities of Yeosu and the surrounding area, and local residents of Geomun Island.

## **September 13, 1974**

### **Members of Congress Invite True Father to Speak on Capitol Hill**

On September 13, 1974, one U.S. senator and twelve congressmen issued a formal invitation to all members of Congress and their staff to attend True Father's speech on "America in God's Providence" in the Dirksen Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill on October 8, 1974. The invitation read:

"Dear Colleague: The United States today is in need of strong moral leadership. The great moral and spiritual values upon which this nation was founded must be renewed at all levels of American society. Moreover, our nation seeks a clarification of its national identity and the role it must play as the leading nation of the free world.

"Many of us have been impressed with the work of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon from Korea. We well remember the three days of prayer and fasting on the Capitol steps conducted by young people last month, in which they sacrificed food and rest to ask God's guidance for each of us on the critical decisions we were

facing at that time. Beyond the exuberance and dedication of those young people is a deep concern for America and a fresh new vision of America's role in God's providence, which stems from the teaching of Reverend Moon.

"We in the Congress now have an opportunity to hear the message of this dynamic man."

The invitation was signed by: Senator John Sparkman, Congressman Robert L.F. Sikes, Congressman O.C. Fisher, Congressman Bob Wilson, Congressman Tim Lee Carter, Congressman Robert H. Michel, Congressman John E. Hunt, Congressman Barber B. Conable Jr., Congressman Bill Chappell Jr., Congressman Charles W. Sandman Jr., Congressman Goodloe E. Byrne, Congressman Manuel Lujan Jr., and Congressman C.W. Bill Young.

## **September 14, 1993**

**True Mother Delivers the Completed Testament Age Message before 50,000 at Tokyo Dome**



On January 10, 1993, True Father announced "the transition today to the Completed Testament Age," which shifted the focus of

salvation from the individual to the family. In May 1993, True Parents began a speaking tour of 33 U.S. cities under the theme "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age." True Mother delivered

the message on July 28 on Capitol Hill and on September 7 at the United Nations. This was the springboard to a world tour in which True Mother delivered the Completed Testament Age message to audiences in forty countries.

From September 11 to 30, True Mother conducted twenty-five rallies in Japan, the highlight being her speech before 50,000 at the Tokyo Dome. On that occasion, which also commemorated the first anniversary of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), Princess Eva Maria of the former Kingdom of Yugoslavia and Marilyn Quayle, wife of the former vice president of the United States, offered congratulatory remarks.

## September 14, 1995

### True Mother Tours Japan with President and Mrs. George H.W. Bush

On September 14, 1995, fifty thousand representatives from 53 countries gathered in the Tokyo Dome for a rally to celebrate the third anniversary of the founding of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP).



*Former U.S. President and First Lady George and Barbara Bush attend a WFWP conference.*

True Mother spoke, as did former U.S. President George H.W. Bush. Mr. Bush, along with former first lady Barbara Bush, accompanied True Mother on a

historic five-city tour which focused on building bridges of friendship between the Japanese and American people. The Bushes were inspired to do so as a result of their participation in the WFWP-sponsored “Sisterhood Ceremonies,” which brought together women from Japan and the United States in a demonstration of friendship on the fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War II.

## **September 14, 1999**

**True Father directs blessed families to pray in their own names**



*The press conference announcing the World Festival of Culture.*

On September 14, 1999, True Father opened the era in which blessed families were no longer to pray in the name of True Parents or any mediator but in their own names as blessed couples who have inherited True Parents’ realm of victory. True Father explained that this was meant to mark the era of “personal responsibility.” He said that couples should “report their work” and that it was no longer “a time to pray to receive blessings.” This guidance was consistent with True Father’s view that humankind had entered

the Completed Testament Age.

## September 14, 2002

### True Parents Officiate Interreligious and International Blessing and Rededication Ceremony



True Parents officiated four major Marriage Blessing Ceremonies in 2002, all in the United States. On April 27, they officiated the 144,000 Clergy Couple Blessing, the main venue of which was the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. On July 3, they officiated the 1.44 million Second Generation Christian Youth and World Religious Youth Blessing from the same main venue. Then on September 14, 2002, they officiated the Interreligious and International Blessing and Rededication Ceremony.

This historic Blessing ceremony was held in New York City's Manhattan Center, just a few short miles from "Ground Zero," where the twin towers of the World Trade Center had been destroyed barely one year earlier. Couples from many faiths participated as well as several Christian-Muslim couples in a poignant and moving statement of hope that New York's *Daily News* said "couldn't be more appropriate on the week America marked the first anniversary of the

September 11th terrorist attacks.”

The final 2002 Blessing Ceremony, a “National Blessing for Reconciliation,” was conducted at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, on December 7. It marked the 61st anniversary of the Japanese bombing raid on Pearl Harbor and included some 300 Japanese leaders who expressed their wish for reconciliation among former enemy nations.

## September 15, 2012

### True Father’s *Seonghwa* Ceremony



*True Father ascended to the spirit world on September 3, 2012 and his Seonghwa ceremony was held on September 15 in Korea.*

True Father’s “Universal *Seonghwa* Ceremony” took

place at Cheongshim World Peace Center on September 15, 2012, twelve days after his ascension on September 3. From September 6 to 14, an estimated 157,000 people had come to pay their respects to True Father, many waiting for hours to sign an electronic register and offer a rose or lily before True Father's portrait. Most were able to offer a final bow to True Father, who lay in state at the *Cheon Jeong Gung* Peace Museum.

On the day of the *Seonghwa*, True Father's body was carried reverently to a waiting vehicle and a flower-bedecked procession wound its way slowly down the mountainside to the stadium where tens of thousands of mourners waited. The casket was met at the main entrance by an honor guard of pallbearers and began a dignified processional entry through the center of the arena up to the main stage, which had been transformed into a garden of roses, lilies and chrysanthemums. True Father's family accompanied the procession, and True Mother took her seat next to True Father for the last time.

Following the representative prayer, *Seonghwa* address and eulogies, True Father began his final journey, with the procession winding its way back up the narrow mountain road lined with flag-waving supporters to the burial site on the grounds of the *Cheon Jeong Gung* Peace Museum. There, close family members and leaders gathered to hear final words from True Father's teachings. Each offered flowers and sprinkled soil onto the casket as it was lowered into the waiting earth.

# September 16, 2011

## Korean Surnames Bestowed Upon 172 Faith Leaders from the United States



*Ministers of different faiths and backgrounds embrace after receiving honorary Korean surnames.*

True Parents conducted a grand ceremony in the Cheongshim Peace World Center for the bestowal of Korean surnames upon 172 ministers, 43 each from the North, South, East

and West quadrants of the United States. They came to Korea representing America, Christendom and the entire world, with the purpose of registering in God's Kingdom and testifying that God had anointed True Father.

The clergy, who understood and supported True Parents' historic mission from the point of view of 77 different religious denominations, were united through a singular cause. By joining into and becoming part of a Korean family and exchanging names, they gave a powerful testimony to the Korean people of the fruits of True Parents' work to remove all barriers between races and denominations.

Through proclaiming that Korea is God's Homeland and Hometown, they affirmed that God had chosen this nation to be the base for the Kingdom of God and the family culture that honors elders and has fidelity and faithfulness in every aspect of the family—from marriage to the filial piety of children to their parents.

# September 17, 1988

## Seoul Olympics begin

The Games of the XXIV Olympiad took place from September 17 to October 2, 1988, in Seoul. The “Seoul Olympics” were significant not only for Korea as the second Asian nation to host the Olympic Games but also for the world, as the games brought together athletes from the communist and free-world nations for the first time since 1976.



True Father welcomes the representatives of 120 nations to his home in Korea for the Seoul Olympics.

These also were the last Olympic Games for the Soviet Union and East Germany, both of which would cease to exist by the time of the next Olympic Games in 1992. True Father recognized this and made a special effort to welcome Eastern Bloc and Soviet athletes, providing them with generous gifts and invitations to cultural events.

Although Coca-Cola was the official soft drink of the Games, athletes, friends and officials of many nations accepted more than 40,000 cans of McCol and bottles of Ginseng-Up. Following completion of the games, True Father proposed the holding of a World Festival of Culture (later designated as the World Culture and Sports Festival) as an “internal” complement to the Olympic Games.

## September 18, 1959

### David S.C. Kim Arrives as the Second Missionary to America



David S.C. Kim was a founding member of the Unification Church in 1954 and its first overseas missionary, having gone to Swansea University College, Wales, as a U.N. scholar during the mid-1950s. He was the second Unificationist missionary to the United States, arriving in Portland, Oregon, on September 18, 1959, some ten months after Dr. Young Oon Kim had arrived in Eugene, Oregon. Like Miss Kim, he came to the United States on a student visa (the only other way out of Korea was via the diplomatic service) and enrolled at Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was expelled for “heresy” just weeks before his graduation in 1961. This precipitated a series of crises as Mr. Kim successively enrolled in Portland University, the University of Oregon, and finally Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, in efforts to

retain his student status and stay in the country. He nevertheless founded United Faith, Inc., or the “Northwest Family,” and directed a far-flung network of Unification centers extending as far east as Chicago during the 1960s.

He played a major role after True Parents’ arrival in America, translating for True Father, firing up members at the Belvedere Training Center, leading the International One World Crusade (IOWC), and later serving as the founding president of the Unification Theological Seminary (1975-1994).

## **September 18, 1961**

### **HSA-UWC Legally Incorporated in America**

Dr. Young Oon Kim, the first Unification Church missionary to America, legally incorporated the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) as a California corporation on September 18, 1961. Her primary motivation in establishing HSA-UWC was to stabilize her visa situation. However, she also recognized that for tax exemption purposes and legal protection, it was necessary for her group to be recognized by the government and to receive legal status as a religion. This incorporation became and still is the legal basis for the Unification tradition in the United States. It preceded the legalization of the church in both Korea and Japan.

# September 18, 1974

## True Father Speaks at Madison Square Garden

True Father's  
Madison Square  
Garden Speech,  
delivered on  
September 18,  
1974, in New  
York City, was  
the culmination



True Father speaks at Madison Square Garden on September 18, 1974.

of his “Day of Hope” speaking tours which had begun nearly two years earlier. Building on all that had gone before, “MSG” launched a triumphant 8-City Tour through many of the same cities that had been visited in the 7-City tour of 1972.

Filling Madison Square Garden was the Unification Church of America's most ambitious undertaking to date, and the arrival of seven hundred IOWC members in mid-August greatly augmented campaign preparations in New York City. Ten 70-member IOWC teams followed rigorous street canvassing schedules. Representatives from each of the forty nations where the Unification Church maintained missions and the remaining American church members — in all, about 2,000 — converged on New York City for a final week-long blitz prior to September 18. Members “wallpapered” Manhattan with eighty thousand two-by-three-foot posters with a portrait of True Father advertising that “September 18 Could Be Your Re-Birthday.” The New York Times reported, “His face is everywhere, it seems.”

The turnout at Madison Square Garden was astounding. At a kick-off banquet held in the Waldorf Astoria hotel on the previous evening approximately 1,600 prominent New Yorkers had a chance to see and hear True Parents. The following night, Madison Square Garden was filled to capacity, with an estimated 10,000 to 35,000 ticket-holders turned away.

True Father spoke on “The New Future of Christianity.” He proclaimed that Jesus had not come to die on the cross, that the crucifixion was the “secondary,” not the “original” mission of Christ, that the Lord would return “as the Son of Man in the flesh,” and that “that day is at hand.” With nearly two hundred journalists in attendance, widespread publicity helped ensure success in other cities. The pattern of overflow crowds and continued publicity was repeated throughout the tour.

## **September 18, 1976**

### **Washington Monument Rally**

True Father spoke before 300,000 people at the Washington Monument rally, which was the second of two major rallies held in 1976 to



Crowds gather at the Washington Monument when True Father speaks in 1976.

celebrate the United States' bicentennial. The first had been the Yankee Stadium rally on June 1 in New York City. They were both part of the "Bicentennial God Bless America Festival," which True Father stated was unique among the bicentennial observances because they were convened in the name of God and included international participants.

At Washington Monument, True Father spoke on "America and God's Will." He stated, "The United States of America, transcending race and nationality, is already a model of the unified world." He also said that Judaism, Christianity and the Unification Church are sibling faiths and that Israel, the United States and Korea as sibling nations had "a common destiny representing God's side" and needed "to restore the United Nations to its original purpose and function." He called upon the three religions and nations to "join hands in a unified effort," contributing "internally to the unification of world religions and externally to the unification of the world itself."

After the Washington Monument Rally, True Father confessed:

I feel light as a feather. I feel like I can fly. I have borne a tremendous burden of responsibility, but with the victory at Washington Monument, I feel like I have been liberated from the weight. I can now walk as a free man. I can hold my head up before heaven and earth.

Washington Monument was a watershed event in the history of the Unification Church in America. It concluded the initial proclamation phase of Rev. Moon's ministry and opened the way for new initiatives in the fields of evangelism, education,

interfaith relations, business, media and public life.

## September 21, 2004

### Mongolian Peoples' Federation inaugurated



*True Father speaks at the International Peace Conference for Mongolian Leaders from Around the World.*

True Father established numerous Federations for World Peace following the end of the Cold War and into the new millennium. From September 21-24, 2004, the first International Peace Conference for Mongolian Leaders from Around the World took place in Seoul. This conference led to the creation of the Mongolian Peoples' Federation for World Peace (MPFWP).

True Father defined Mongolian peoples as those born with the Mongolian birthmark, a bluish mark usually seen on the backside. He asserted that nearly three-quarters of the world's population is linked to Mongolian roots and that the Mongolian birthmark appears not only in persons of the yellow race but also among many black and white people. He

maintained that values preserved among Mongolian peoples, such as faith in absolute values, an understanding of human spirituality, belief in the existence of the spirit world, an emphasis on family tradition and the importance of lineage would play a significant role in bringing about the realization of a world of peace.

The initial conference brought together 300 participants from Mongolia, Korea, Japan, China and 34 other nations. The Mongolian Federation convened subsequent meetings under the auspices of the Universal Peace Federation.

## **September 22, 1973**

### **Day of Hope Wall Street Rally**



Having completed his first Day of Hope speaking tour of eight American cities in 1972, True Father mobilized American Unificationists for a more ambitious 21-city Day of Hope tour to begin in New York City's Carnegie Hall on October 3, 1973. By the end of August, more than four hundred Unificationists gathered to publicize the Day of Hope talks under the theme "Christianity in Crisis: New Hope."

On September 22, a major rally was staged on the steps of Federal Hall on Wall Street. The *New York Daily News* carried a large photo and article on the rally. *Time*, *Newsweek* and *Christianity Today* all carried stories on the campaign, and Associated Press religion writer George W. Cornell's generally positive feature story appeared in 79 newspapers throughout the United States.

## **September 22, 2001**

### **Interfaith Day of Prayer and Healing for victims of 9/11**



More than 1,000 clergy from all faiths attended the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast and Day of Prayer and Healing to offer prayers for the victims of the 9/11 tragedy in New York and Washington, D.C.

True Father had called for a 12,000-couple World Clergy Marriage Blessing Ceremony to take place in New York's Madison Square Garden on September 22, 2001. It was intended to build upon the Interfaith Marriage Blessing of 60 clergy couples the previous May in which Catholic Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo was blessed with Korean Unificationist Maria Sung.

The tragic events of 9/11 intervened and the clergy Blessing was postponed.

In lieu of the Blessing, an interfaith prayer breakfast brought together more than 1,000 clergy and guests in the Grand Ballroom of the Manhattan Center and an outdoor Day of Prayer and Healing rally took place at the Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building in Harlem. The rally attracted some 3,000 participants as well as coverage on CNN, CBS and other media outlets. Forty American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) ministers had counseled police and firefighters at Ground Zero the night before the prayer breakfast and rally and continued to do so in the days that followed.

## **September 23, 2007**

### **True Father Launches "Substantial Abel" UN**



*True Father launched the "Substantial" Abel UN at the Manhattan Center.*

In 2000, True Father's proposal to renew the United Nations through incorporating an interreligious peace council launched the United Nations

Providence. The following year, True Father began the Ambassadors for Peace program. In 2003, he established the Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC), and in 2005, on the occasion of the UN's 60th anniversary, he founded the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). The core objective of these combined initiatives was "to work cooperatively with the United Nations and to serve and support that institution as it seeks to fulfill its own global mission."

Two years later, on September 23, 2007, True Father launched what he termed the "Substantial" Abel UN. Conducted at the Manhattan Center in New York City, the inauguration brought together representatives from 192 nations seated at UN-style conference tables. Flags and regalia added to the atmosphere.

True Father's **keynote address**, augmented by extemporaneous comments, lasted three hours. In it, he referred to UPF as "an Abel-type counterpart to the UN" and to the new initiative as the "Peace UN." He expressed hope that it would "lead the way for millions of Ambassadors for Peace throughout the world ... to fulfill the heavenly will of creating 'One Family under God.'" Finishing at 11:00 p.m., True Father penned an approximately thirty-foot calligraphic message that read, in Chinese characters, "May the Sovereignty of the God of True Love, the Sacred Reign of Peace, Last Forever." He then struck a giant gong, sealing the evening's proceedings.

## **September 24, 2000**

**Transition of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness**

## Unification Blessing Ceremony



The Transition of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony was held at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center on September 24, 2000. The ceremony was conducted on the last day of the third workshop for wives' of the Unification movement.

On this day True Father asked twenty-four Unificationist-born young adults—twelve men and twelve women—to line up and placed a granddaughter in front of one line and a grandson in front of the other and then gave his benediction. He said, “The spiritual and physical worlds, which divided as a result of the Fall, have become one through the victorious realm of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth. Children in the spiritual world and on earth should inherit this and achieve the Registration Blessing with the parents.” (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

**September 26, 2006**

**Archbishop Milingo excommunicated by the**



### Zambian Archbishop

Emmanuel Milingo sparked a controversy which reached to the highest levels of the Roman Catholic Church when he married Maria Sung in an

Interfaith Clergy Marriage Blessing Ceremony conducted by True Parents on May 26, 2001.

Upon an appeal by Pope John Paul II, he renounced the union a few months later and receded from public view for five years before resurfacing dramatically in 2006 to announce that he had rejoined his wife and was launching an independent charismatic ministry, Married Priests Now.

Archbishop Milingo was given a deadline to submit a letter of repentance, which he refused to do. On September 24, 2006, he took the irrevocable step of installing four married men as bishops. Two days later, a Vatican communiqué announced that for this “public act” Archbishop Milingo had incurred automatic excommunication. A Vatican summit, convened by Pope Benedict XVI on November 16, 2006, reaffirmed the church’s position on clerical celibacy.



October

## October 1, 1973

21-city “Day of Hope” speaking tour begins at Carnegie Hall



True Father conducted four “Day of Hope” speaking tours in the United States between 1972 and 1974. The initial 7-city tour served to unite Unificationists of the several groups created by missionaries during the 1960s. The second 21-city tour began the process of catapulting the Unification Church into the public limelight. More than 400 Unificationists, including missionaries from Europe and Japan, came to New York City to publicize True Father’s talks, which began at Carnegie Hall on October 1, 1973, with “Christianity in Crisis: New Hope.” In addition to mass leafleting, the event was advertised in newspaper and magazine ads, on bus and commuter train posters, and in professionally made radio announcements.

The results were remarkable. In New York, the event attracted widespread media coverage. The New York *Daily News* carried a large photo and article on a Day of Hope rally on the steps of Federal Hall on Wall Street. *Time*, *Newsweek* and *Christianity Today* all carried stories on the campaign. A generally positive Associated Press feature story appeared in 79 newspapers throughout the United States. Two hundred and fifty prominent New Yorkers attended the inaugural “Day of Hope” banquet at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Telegrams of congratulations were read from the New York City mayor and several U.S. congressmen. Afterward, two 40-member International One World Crusade (IOWC) advance teams prepared for each of the remaining cities on the tour.

## October 1, 1980

True Father Launches Ocean Church





In late summer of 1980 True Father sponsored the first World Tuna Tournament in the fishing town of Gloucester, Massachusetts, to stimulate interest among Americans, particularly young people, in the ocean. Then, on October 1, 1980, he established Ocean Church. He chose 24 Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) graduates and 60 Unificationists in supporting roles to pioneer 24 port cities on the East, West and Gulf coasts.

He directed them to build a foundation of sixty Unificationists, at which point they were to order ten 28-foot “Good Go” fiberglass boats from the Unification Church-owned fleet and one large stern trawler. He advised the Ocean Church pioneers to “visit the Coast Guard chief, police chief and mayor,” telling them that “your sole concern is to revive the fishing industry in America.” True Father told them that their boats “will be your churches.” Unificationists, he said, “will have a regular spiritual life” and “catch more fish than anyone else in the area, even more than people who have been fishing for many years.”

## October 2, 1959

### HSA-UWC Japan Founded



*Missionary Sang-ik “Papa-san” Choi (fourth from left) on his way back to Japan following his first visit to Korea in seven years.*

Sang-ik “Papa-san” Choi, known to Japanese Unificationists as Mr. Nishikawa, planted the seeds of the Unification movement in Japan from 1958 to 1964. Because Korea and Japan did not have diplomatic relations, he was arrested upon arrival in June 1958. Escaping confinement, he made his way to Tokyo where, after six months of struggle, he got a job as a salesman for a watch shop in the Shinjuku section. During the morning he worked, in the afternoon he witnessed. Once a week he rented the second floor of the shop to preach.

On Sunday, October 2, 1959, he conducted the first Sunday service. Originally named the

Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) Japan, Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) Japan commemorates this as its founding day.



*Missionary Choi and participants during the first special workshop held in Japan in 1963.*

## October 3, 2333 B.C.

### Korea Celebrates National Foundation Day



October 3 is a public holiday in the Republic of Korea (South Korea) as it celebrates its National Foundation Day. This national holiday, also known as “Tangun Day” and *Gaecheon-jeol*, commemorates the legendary founding of the Korean nation, the spiritual homeland of the Unification movement, or the creation of ancient Korea in 2333 B.C. by Tangun whereby the first Korean state was established. The Tangun legend not only reflects Korean ideals, but helped develop the pride of

a people with a long history and an ancient culture. Through the centuries, Koreans have preserved this legend, which became a source of spiritual comfort in times of crisis.

## October 3, 1988

### True Parents Proclaim Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World

True Parents proclaimed the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World on October 3, 1988, immediately following the completion of the Seoul Olympic Games. True Father explained that the realization of an ideal world must be achieved through external and internal unification. According to True Father, the key to external unification was the unity between democracy and communism, symbolically realized through the 1988 Seoul Olympics. To achieve the internal unification, True Parents declared the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World. True Father envisioned the end of all national divisions and boundaries, saying that one day humankind should no longer need visas.

In 2007, True Parents changed the name of the day from the “Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World” to the “Foundation Day for the Nation of Cosmic Unity,” which also is called the “Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth.” This indicated that the providence had advanced beyond the world to the cosmic level and that humankind could become “citizens of heaven.”

## October 3, 2003

### Inaugural Assembly for Interreligious and International Peace Council



The Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC) was created to “improve existing methods and practices for addressing critical global problems by being the leader in the moral or spiritual conscience in leadership governance.” Three hundred and four delegates, including 52 guests from the United Nations—representing 149 nations—attended the 4-day Inaugural Assembly in New York City with the theme “Global Governance for a New Realm of Peace.” True Father appropriately spoke on the topic “The New Elimination of Boundaries and World Peace.”

## **October 4, 1955**

### **True Father Released from Seodaemun Prison**

On July 4, 1955, True Father and four Unification Church leaders were arrested on charges of illegal confinement and violation of military regulations, stemming from outreach efforts on Seoul's Ewha Women's University campus. This followed the dismissal of professors and expulsion of students who had joined the church. True Father was convicted and sent to Seodaemun Prison, a facility constructed by Japanese colonial authorities for the confinement and torture of Korean nationalists.

True Father's conviction was overturned on appeal, and he was released after three months on October 4, 1955. According to True Father, a number of prison officials “became part of our Unification family” following his release.

## **October 4, 1963**

### **Unification Church Obtains Legal Standing in Korea**

True Father and four disciples founded the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC), or the Unification Church, in May 1954. However, the church did not obtain legal standing until October 4, 1963. In effect, it was an underground church, particularly during the Syngman Rhee presidency (1948-60). After Rhee's resignation and exile, there was more openness, especially as a result of the church's efforts to promote literacy among Korea's village populations and its campaign to arm police ideologically against communism. The church continued to face opposition and harassment, but it had surmounted legal barriers to its existence and development.

## **October 4, 1976**

### **True Father proclaims the Day of Victory of Heaven**

A little more than two weeks after the Washington Monument Rally and on the 26th anniversary of his release from Seodaemun Prison, True Father proclaimed the Day of the Victory of Heaven before several thousand Unificationists at Belvedere. He **stated** that the Washington Monument rally was an “unqualified victory” and that barriers in the spirit world had been broken down. This, he said, “will be reflected in the physical world.” He predicted that the movement would “take off in leaps and bounds from now” and discussed prospects in evangelism, business and educational activities.

In fact, the Washington Monument campaign was a watershed event in the history of the Unification Church in America. It closed out the initial proclamation period of True Father's ministry and opened the way for new initiatives in evangelism, education, interfaith relations, business, media and public life. The movement began to develop an infrastructure that greatly expanded its ability to exert influence in the United States and elsewhere.

## October 4, 1993

### True Mother's Forty University Lecture Tour in Korea begins



True Mother began a lecturing tour of forty major Korean universities, starting from Dangook University, on October 4, 1993. At each university, professors, students and prominent figures filled the lecture hall. Under the title “True Parents and the Completed Testament Age,” True Mother's lecture called the young, intelligent

university students to take the lead in opening a peaceful 21st century centered on true love.

## October 5, 1943

### *Konron Maru* Ferryboat Sunk

True Father graduated from *Waseda Koutou Kougakko*, a technical engineering school affiliated with Waseda University, in Japan on September 30, 1943. He notified his family by telegram that he would return to Korea aboard the *Konron Maru* ferry on October 4. However, he had a premonition of danger, even feeling his “feet stuck to the ground,” and postponed his return. En route to Pusan, the *Konron Maru* was sunk. *The New York Times* reported on October 8 that an Allied submarine had sunk the ship at 1:00 am on October 5 and that only 72 of the 616 persons on board had survived.

True Father recorded that when his mother heard the news that the ship he was scheduled to board was sunk, she “immediately ran out of the house without even thinking to put on her shoes,” running barefoot five miles to the train station and taking a train directly to Pusan. There, according to True Father's autobiography, “She just kept calling my name, not even realizing that she had large splinters in her feet.” True Father often repeated this account as an illustration of his mother's love.

## October 5 ~ 7, 1962

### First Holy Grounds Selected

True Father first used the term *Seong Ji* (Holy Ground) on January 1, 1963. He wrote the words "Holy Ground" in Chinese characters, and shared with those present his determination and plan to reclaim God's lands symbolically, first through Holy Grounds and later by restoring the homeland. However, he did not select Holy Grounds until his first world tour in 1965. The first Holy Grounds were founded in Korea by several disciples between October 5 and 7, 1962, according to True Father's instruction, before he himself actually established any. Four of them were founded in the north, south, east and west districts of Seoul.

From January 28 through October 10, 1965, True Father made Holy Grounds in 39 nations. He returned to Korea and created Holy Grounds in each regional district before establishing the last seven (main) Holy Grounds in Seoul, including the one at Cheongpa Dong Church. The original four Holy Grounds founded by the disciples later were established as official Holy Grounds by Father as part of the seven Holy Grounds in Seoul. True Father would finish blessing 120 Holy Grounds throughout the world on January 1, 1966.

## October 5, 1998

### **True Father Proclaims Total Liberation and Unification between the Physical and Spiritual Worlds**

On October 5, 1998, Koreans celebrated the holiday *Chuseok*, the day of the Autumn Moon Festival. On this day, True Father conducted a ceremony in São Paulo, Brazil, called the Total Liberation and Unification Day Ceremony. At that time he gave missions to certain countries to take charge of the saints in spirit world who were blessed at the June 13, 1998 Marriage Blessing Ceremony held at Madison Square Garden in New York City. He also gave missions to other founders of religions. He sent Jesus to the United States, Buddha to Korea, Confucius to China, Mohammed to the Islamic world, and Joseph and Mary to South America.

## October 7, 1955

### ***Cheongpa Dong* (Headquarters) church purchased**



*The old Cheongpa Dong church, formerly a Japanese temple, with its clay tile roof.*



Three days after True Father's release from Seodaemun Prison, the church borrowed 2 million won to purchase an abandoned building in poor repair on a hillside in Cheongpa Dong, Seoul. It reportedly had been a small Japanese



*True Father teaching at Cheongpa Dong.*

Buddhist temple during the colonial era and one of many houses categorized as “enemy property.”

This was the first property purchased by the Unification Church, which previously had occupied rented space, and served as its headquarters for the next 20 years. The *Cheongpa Dong* Church was the site of True Parents' engagement and Holy Wedding ceremonies as well as the 36 and 72 Couples' Holy Wedding ceremonies. It was also where the earliest editions of the Divine Principle were distributed and served as True Parents' residence, where True Father planned much of the movement's worldwide mission.

Later, while in the United States, True Father received word that members were planning to remodel the *Cheongpa Dong* Church. With great urgency he sent a telegram telling them to stop. True Father wrote in his autobiography,

“This church embodies an irrecoverable period in my personal history, but more important than that, it testifies directly to the history of our church. ... What matters is not some beautiful exterior but the secret life of tears that dwells within that building. ... When I look at a particular pillar, I am reminded of a time when I clung to that pillar and wept over a particular matter ... [it] makes me weep again. To see a door frame that is a little crooked reminds me of the past. ... The floor boards where I bent over in prayer and shed so many tears are gone. ... I ... need memories of that pain. It doesn't matter if the external style or appearance is old. Much time has passed, and now we have many churches that are well built. But for me, I would rather go to the small house on the hill in Cheongpa Dong and pray. I feel more comfortable there.”

## October 10, 1972

### Belvedere Estate Purchased

In 1972, True Father directed Unificationists in the United States to find a large property in New York suitable for use as an international training center. The assignment was given to New York center director Philip Burley, who found Belvedere three days after it had been put on the market. Situated on the Hudson River thirty miles north of New York City in Tarrytown, the twenty-two-acre estate was described in a brochure sent to True Father in Korea, and he said to buy it.

The Maryland church center had had success selling its own manufactured candles, and it was decided to try that as a national effort to raise money for the large down payment. For seven weeks nearly every member in every state abandoned all other activities in order to sell candles. With Anchor Hocking six-ounce brandy snifters and Amoco paraffin piled floor to ceiling, the College Park/Upper Marlboro centers reached peak production of 1,700 dozen candles a week, or about 250 dozen (3,000 candles) a day. A similar factory with a rotating crew was set up in the Denver center garage, and a third factory was operated by the Berkeley, California, center. “Express candle vans” delivered “still warm” candles, and “mobile fundraising teams” were formed for the first time.

As a result of the total mobilization and fundraising innovations, the down payment was made. At 1:00 p.m. on October 10, 1972, the caretaker of Belvedere received a call from the seller saying that, from that moment, “Belvedere is in new hands.” Later that day a group of Unificationists arrived to explore the house and grounds. Dr. Young Oon Kim asked them, “How can you describe a miracle? ... Now you have seen Belvedere. Is it better than your dreams?”

## October 10, 1976

### True Father Initiates *The News World*

True Father initiated *The News World* on October 10, 1976, shortly after the Washington Monument rally, when he assembled a dozen or so Unificationists with journalism degrees and “set the deadline” for producing the first issue of a new daily newspaper in New York City “at December 31, 1976, the last day of the Bicentennial year.”

## October 10, 1981

### CARP Confronts Massive Leftist Demonstration in West Germany

The Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) spearheaded the Unificationist opposition to communism on college campuses from the 1960s. In the early 1980, US CARP launched an organized assault on Marxist-Leninist doctrines under the leadership of Rev. Chong Goo “Tiger” Park. Prior to this, a Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade (RCYB) had assaulted CARP members on a California campus. This was the first of innumerable confrontations between CARP and leftist campus groups over the next several years. Many of the most memorable encounters occurred in traditionally liberal or radical campus settings, such as the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

In what was one of CARP’s most memorable confrontations, “Tiger” Park led a counterdemonstration of 130 CARP members against a 250,000-strong anti-nuclear armament rally in Bonn, Germany, on October 10, 1981, barely escaping after being pursued by attackers wielding sticks, pipes and chains. This was the kickoff to a decade of activism. CARP developed a revolutionary, activist élan of its own replete with practiced chants, burnings of Soviet leaders in effigy, hard-driving rock bands with names such as Blue Tuna and Prime Force, and touring martial arts groups (these were especially helpful in protecting podiums from assaults). All this became part of the lore and allure of CARP during the Cold War era.

## October 10, 1999

### Double-Ten Day (*Ssang-ship Jeol*) proclaimed

True Father proclaimed in 1999: “The number ten, representing the month of October and the date of October 10, 1999, signifies a new start centered upon God, and the number ten of the tenth day signifies a new start centered upon the earth. That is why I have proclaimed October 10 as *Ee-Ship Jeol* (*Ssang-ship Jeol*, Double-Ten Day).” (Excerpt from the old *Cheon Seong Gyeong* 304-152, 1999.10.10) –The full speech, “Proclamation of Double-Ten Day (*Ssang-ship Jeol*),” can be read [here](#).

## October 10, 2010

### “10.14” Cosmic Blessing Ceremony

The month of October has a special meaning as the “month of liberation” in Unification history, as True Father was



liberated from Heung Nam labor camp (10.14.50) and Seodaemun Prison (10.4.55) during the month. True Parents conducted the first “Cosmic Blessing Ceremony” on October 14, 2009, on the campus of Sun Moon University. On October 10, 2010, they extended the previous year’s Holy Blessing in conducting the “10.14 Blessing Ceremony”.



Based on the Completion of the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind,” this time with more than 30,000 brides and bridegrooms and their congratulators attending on the lawn of Sun Moon University. A special feature of the Blessing this time was that people born into the Unification Church were given the freedom to select their spouse by themselves in front of True Parents.



## October 14, 1950

### True Father Released from Heungnam Labor Camp



*The work and storage room at the Heungnam Labor Camp.*

True Father’s ministry in Pyongyang ended on February 22, 1948, when he was arrested for a second time by North Korean officials. He was tried on April 7 and sentenced to five years of hard labor. On May 20, True Father was transferred from prison in Pyongyang to a labor camp in Heungnam, an industrial city on the east coast of North Korea. There he endured a hellish existence until liberated by advancing UN forces on October 14, 1950.



*Men working at the Heungnam Labor Camp.*

True Father’s liberation by UN forces was by no means assured. As bombing of the Heungnam industrial complex became more intense, guards began executing prisoners, calling out their numbers starting with those having the longest sentences. In his autobiography, True Father notes,

“The night before my scheduled execution the bombs fell like rain in the monsoon season ... so intense that it seemed all of Heungnam had been turned into a sea of fire. The high walls around the prison began to fall and the guards ran for their lives. Finally, the gate of the prison that had kept us in that place opened. At around two o’clock in the morning of the next day, I walked calmly out of Heungnam Prison with dignity.”

## October 14, 1982

### 6,000-Couple Holy Marriage Blessing



*True Parents sprinkle holy water over the couples at the 6000-couple Holy Marriage Blessing.*

True Parents blessed 6,000 couples in Chamshil Gymnasium in Seoul on October 14, 1982. The precise number of couples blessed was 5,837, as True Father noted in his Blessing prayer.

The 6,000-Couple Blessing is linked with the 2,075-Couple Blessing conducted by True Parents on July 1, 1982, at Madison

Square Garden in New York City. They are referred to jointly as the 8,000-Couple Holy Blessing. Both included significant numbers of international couples. The 6,000-Couple Holy Blessing, convened on 20 days' notice, included participants from 84 nations. True Father noted that the Blessing surmounted the 6,000 years of providential history and signified an "advance into the realm of liberation."

## October 14, 1994

### National Parents' Day Signed into Law



*President Clinton with Parent of the Year honorees in 1995*

Parent's Day was established as a U.S. holiday in 1994 when President Bill Clinton signed a congressional resolution into law ([36 U.S.C. § 135](#)) for "recognizing, uplifting and supporting the role of parents in the rearing of children." The resolution, passed unanimously by the House and Senate, was signed by Speaker of the House Thomas Foley and President pro Tempore of the Senate Robert Byrd.

The establishment of Parents' Day on the fourth Sunday of every July was the result of a bipartisan, multiracial and interfaith coalition of religious, civic and elected leaders who recognized the need to promote responsible parenting in our society and to uplift ideal parental role models, especially for our nation's children. Sen. Trent Lott (R-Miss) made the original resolution on July 27, 1993, the day before True Mother delivered her "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age" address on Capitol Hill.

## October 14, 2009

### First "Cosmic Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony"





The first “Cosmic Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony” was held magnificently at the open space in front of the main building of Sun Moon University in Asan in Korea’s Chungnam province, with True Parents as the officiators on October 14, 2009. Some 25,000 participants gathered as representatives of Korea and the world. For those who could not come there, the ceremony was broadcast simultaneously to 192 nations via satellite and the Internet.

The ceremony was unique in that it was the first time that new couples and already established blessed couples received the Blessing together. Previously couples had received the Blessing on the church and worldwide levels. True Father explained that this was the third and final cosmic-level Blessing. The Blessing was also significant as it included large numbers of young Unificationists in a public venue. The participation of attractive young people attracted substantial media coverage that continued in subsequent Blessings.

## **October 15, 1981**

### **True Father Indicted in America**

In 1976, Senator Robert Dole (R-Kansas) wrote a letter to the Internal Revenue Service commissioner requesting an audit of the Unification Church. Within days, the IRS began what journalist Carlton Sherwood, in his book *Inquisition: The Persecution and Prosecution of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon* (Regnery Gateway, 1991), termed “the most intensive and expensive criminal tax investigation of any religious figure in U.S. history.” A squad of IRS agents took up permanent offices in the Unification Church’s New York headquarters, while a team of field agents began round-the-clock surveillance of selected church members and their telephones. In 1978, after two years of investigations, the IRS was unable to find anything that compromised the church’s tax exempt status but turned over to the New York District Attorney’s Office “certain anomalies” in Rev. Moon’s tax returns for the years 1973-75.

The Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York pursued the matter aggressively despite the unanimous recommendation in writing from attorneys in the Criminal Section of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Tax Division that prosecution was not advisable. Two grand juries refused to indict True Father. It was highly unusual that a prosecuting attorney would convene a second grand jury once an initial grand jury had determined there was no case. However, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York took the almost unprecedented step of convening a third grand jury to get the necessary indictment on October 15, 1981.

True Father was in Korea when the indictment was handed down. There was no extradition treaty between the Republic of Korea and the United States, so as long as he was in Korea, he would never have to appear in a U.S. courtroom. Some suggested that prosecutors intentionally announced the indictment when True Father was away, hoping he would not return. Yet, as soon as he heard of the indictment, True Father booked a flight back to America to face the charges and his accusers.

## **October 15, 2000**

### **True Parents Visit Marshall Islands at President's invitation**

True Parents visited the Marshall Islands at the invitation of the Honorable Kessai H. Note, president of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, beginning on October 15, 2000. The president accorded True Parents a state-level welcome. President Note and his wife previously had attended several conferences and events held by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF). In fact, President Note, alone among the Marshall Island candidates for the presidency, attended an International Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., at the very time elections were being held. He found out he had been elected during the conference. Those who had declined the Washington invitation all lost!

During their visit, True Father discussed his vision for establishing a school to educate youth from throughout Oceania. True Parents also spent a day fishing with the president. Their visit was a stepping stone toward what later would be declared as the Ocean Providence.

## **October 16, 2000**

### **Million Family March**



Based on mutual contacts, Unificationists in Chicago had been interacting on a cordial basis with the Nation of Islam (NOI) since 1995. That year Minister Louis Farrakhan attended a FFWPU-sponsored True Family Values Ministry awards banquet. Unificationists reciprocated by attending several NOI events. In 1997, Minister Farrakhan attended "Blessing '97" at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C., where he offered congratulatory remarks and a prayer of blessing on behalf of the Muslim world. In 1998, Minister Farrakhan visited Korea, where he met True Parents and toured church-owned facilities. Later that year, he announced his intention to hold a Million Family March on October 16, 2000, five years to the day after the 1995 Million Man March.

Significantly, he asked his directors "to work together with the leadership of the Family Federation." This met resistance among some within NOI and FFWPU. However, three months prior to the march, True Father invited Minister Farrakhan to his residence, advising him that the event should be non-political, interreligious and interracial. A month prior to the march, True Father expressed hope that it would be "a turning point for racial reconciliation in America."

The march went off smoothly. Thousands of families crowded the U.S. Capitol plaza and the National Mall, and there were no incidents. Minister Farrakhan preached family, ecumenism and brotherhood, at one point proclaiming, "I am a Christian. I am a Jew. I am a Muslim." In his keynote address he offered "special recognition and thanks" to True Parents and conducted a Unification-inspired "Blessing" for several dozen international, intercultural and interracial couples immediately afterward. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, FFWPU continental director at the time, reported that FFWPU "mobilized about 2,000 members of the American Clergy Leadership Conference for this event," including "a number of mainline denominational leaders."

## October 16, 2002

### Rally for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth

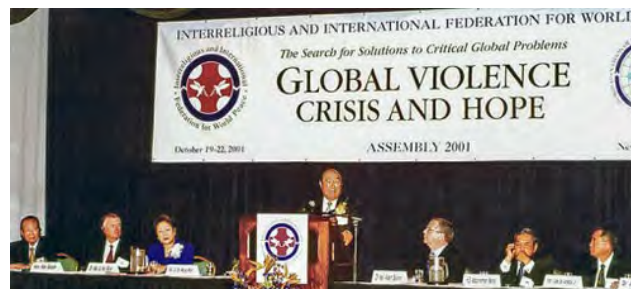


On October 16, 2002, the northern Rally for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth was held for the settlement of Cheon Il Guk at the Guri Training Center, Gyeonggi Province. Around four thousand people, including

key members and peace ambassadors, took part in this rally. The southern rally was held on October 20 at Sun Moon University and attracted around twelve thousand people. Through the speech "God's Homeland and One World," True Father emphasized, "It is humankind's mission and responsibility today to find and restore the ideal world God had envisioned in the beginning but that was lost through the Fall." (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## October 19 ~ 22, 2001

### Post-9/11 Conference on "Global Violence: Conflict and Hope"



*The Global Violence Crisis and Hope assembly is held as a response to the tragedy on September 11.*

Like the rest of the world, the Unification Church and its affiliated organizations were shocked by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. After a 12,000-Couple World Clergy Marriage Blessing Ceremony scheduled for September 22 at Madison Square Garden was canceled, a "Day of Prayer and Healing" prayer breakfast and rally were held in the heart of Manhattan. However, True Father did not consider this to be sufficient and convened a major gathering at the New York Hilton from October 19-22 to address "root causes and potential solutions to global violence."

Assembly 2001 was the second in a series of meetings sponsored by the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) to address global problems. The

event gathered some 400 political and religious leaders, media representatives, NGO representatives, scholars and peace activists from 101 nations, whom conference organizer Dr. Thomas Walsh congratulated for their “courage” in coming to New York.

Those attending included former U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle; H.E. Abdurrahman Wahid, former president of Indonesia and head of the world’s largest organization of Muslims; the former presidents of Guatemala, Seychelles, Costa Rica, Belarus and Mongolia, and the former governor-general of Canada as well as many religious leaders such as Dr. Jerry Falwell, founder of Liberty University, Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, and Rabbi David Broadman, chief rabbi of two cities in Israel.

In his closing banquet address, “Let Us Discover the True Meaning of I,” True Father focused on human beings finding their “true” selves. This, he said, was possible only through “living for one’s family, nation, world and God.” In this way, “I” expands to ever more inclusive levels of “we.” Based on this vision of solidarity, True Father asked participants to go out to the world as “God-appointed ambassadors to realize world peace.”

## October 20, 1978

### First World Media Conference

Having experienced the “awesome power” of the media “to create or to destroy,” True Father established the World Media Association to advance the cause of world peace by championing freedom and moral responsibility in the press.



*In its sixth year, the World Media Conference, held in Cartagena, Colombia, was the largest and most successful gathering in its history.*

The association convened the first World Media Conference in October 1978 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, under the theme “The Future of the Free Press.” Thirty-eight journalists from 16 countries participated.

The association continued to sponsor World Media Conferences and associated “fact-finding” tours for journalists throughout the 1980s. The sixth conference, held in Cartagena, Colombia, in September 1983, brought together 600 media representatives from 92 countries. The conferences culminated in the 11th World Media Conference, which was held from April 9-13, 1990, in Moscow. The conference, jointly sponsored with the Soviet Union’s Novosti news agency, resulted in True Parents’ private audience with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

## October 20, 1997

### True Father Begins Journey on Amazon River

True Parents made South America a focal point of their work during the mid- and late 1990s. During a speaking tour of 23 Latin American nations in 1995, True Father emphasized the region’s “stunning and abundant potential,” noting that its “mountains, rivers and jungles hark back to the original state of creation.” Having purchased land in the Brazilian outback that would become New Hope Farms, True Father began exploring the Paraguay and Amazon Rivers in 1997. He pointed out that the Paraguay River divides the continent east and west and the Amazon divides it north and south, but that their sources were only four kilometers apart.

He envisioned that area being preserved as a “place of encounter where God, people and all things meet in a New Eden.” He also envisioned representatives of the nations settling along the banks of the two rivers. In pursuit of this, True Father set out by boat on the Paraguay River in mid-summer. According to a travel companion: “Every 50 kilometers we set out a sign numbered on a stick. ... It was not easy to do that, because it is swampy ground covered with growth, and we had to clear the area; walking through the water and getting bitten by bees and ants. We set 63 signposts along the Paraguay River.”



*True Father speaks at New Hope Farm in Uruguay.*

True Father did the same along the Amazon, beginning October 20, although given the vast stretches of river to be covered, he adopted a different strategy: flying to different sites and then renting boats in which to explore the river. True Father expressed admiration for the small villages and villagers whom he viewed as

“pristine Adamic families.” The same companion noted that it was so hot and steamy” and “we all got blisters on our mouths” but that despite his exhaustion and the unbearable heat, True Father “continued to push us, saying that this is where we can build the Garden of Eden.” Following the stake-setting expeditions, the church began purchasing property along the Paraguay River for future development.

## October 20, 2014

### Julia Kim Ascends



Mrs. Julia B. Kim, the wife of Dr. Christopher Kim, ascended on October 20, 2014, in Seoul, Korea, after a long battle with illness. The Kims served briefly as continental directors of FFWPU in North America in 2008, after completing almost 20 years of service as the continental directors of the Asia region, where they led FFWPU in many nations from the early stages of pioneering to become a movement with national influence, planting churches and establishing schools, non-profits and related businesses. They traveled widely throughout Asia and established many church centers in the Philippines and Thailand. They received awards from True Parents for their outstanding contribution.

Upon hearing the news of Mrs. Kim’s ascension, True Mother bestowed a calligraphy and instructed that she be buried at Paju Wonjon. Mrs. Kim joined the church in 1964 and received the Blessing with the 777 Couples in 1970.

## October 21, 1970

### 777 Couples Holy Blessing

True Parents presided over the first truly International Marriage Blessing Ceremony when they blessed 777 couples on October 21, 1970. As part of the 430 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing in 1968, True Parents blessed 43 non-Korean couples overseas in 1969. For the 777 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing, participants came from 10 nations to Korea.



The Marriage Blessing was conducted at Seoul's Changchung (Metropolitan) Gymnasium in the presence of over 15,000. True Father stated that this was the last Marriage Blessing that he would conduct "before globalizing my mission." He noted that the 777 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing was the seventh following True Parents' Holy Wedding. This Marriage Blessing lay the foundation for the Unification movement to work on the worldwide level. "What belongs to Korea," he said, "can now belong to the world and vice versa."

## October 21, 1974

### 7-Day Fast for Japanese Wives of North Korean Repatriates



*Protestors hold a 7-day fast on behalf of wives in North Korea.*



*True Father speaks at the conclusion of the 7-day fast.*

Seven hundred Unificationists fasted for seven days in front of the United Nations in New York from October 21-27, 1974, to protest the treatment of Japanese wives of North Korean repatriates. True Father initiated the fast for humanitarian and providential reasons. He noted that Korean men living in Japan who married Japanese women and then repatriated to North Korea had "cheated" the wives who were "now ill-treated and persecuted under the regime." In this connection, the

Unification Church published a volume of testimonies from these women, *If I Had Wings Like a Bird, I Would Fly Across the Sea*, which publicized their plight.

Apart from the humanitarian issue, Unificationists undertook the fast within the context of a North Korean proposal, which had gained traction in the UN General Assembly, that called for UN forces to be removed from South Korea. True Father stated that the fast's purpose was to "make naked the evil reality of what they are doing in North Korea and in all the communist regimes." Unificationists' efforts continued after the fast, and on December 9, 1974, the UN General Assembly approved a U.S.-sponsored resolution providing for maintenance of the United Nations Command in South Korea.

## October 21, 1990

### Middle East Peace Summit

On August 2, 1990, forces under the command of Iraqi President Sadaam Hussein invaded and annexed the neighboring country of Kuwait. This was met with international condemnation, international sanctions and a coalition of the largest military alliance since World War II. All this was deeply troubling to True Father. Unknown to most, Unificationist organizations had cultivated contacts within the Muslim world since the early 1980s. The Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) and the Council for the World's Religions (CWR) had convened several conferences of high-level Muslim religious leaders, including the grand muftis of Syria and Yemen.

In response to the Gulf Crisis, True Father was confident enough of his contacts in the region to call a Middle East Peace Summit in Cairo, Egypt, at short notice, beginning on October 21, 1990. In a "Message to Islam" read to participants, he stated, "The greatest imaginable tragedy would be for war to erupt between Christians and Muslims in the Middle East." He urged all present to "live only for one goal, and that is, to protect and safeguard this situation against the possibility of a religious war."



*True Parents meet the Grand Mufti of Syria during the Middle East Peace Summit.*

Unificationists were not successful in averting the first Gulf War. However, Muslim leaders were impressed with True Father's message. The grand muftis of Syria and Yemen agreed to send core followers to New York for a 40-day Inter-Religious Leadership Seminar (IRLS), and in 1992, 42 Muslim couples took part in a Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony officiated by True Parents. True Father termed the participation of Muslims "a miracle." In effect, it broke the tribal barrier, enabling True Parents to extend the Blessing to persons other than Unificationists.

## October 22, 1980

### *The News World Creates Dailies in Other Languages*

A Spanish-language New York daily, *Noticias Del Mundo*, was inaugurated on October 22, 1980, as a sister publication to *The News World* (started in 1976). Other *News World* spinoffs included a Korean-language daily, a Harlem weekly, and a small press service, Free Press International (FPI), out of New York. Overseas newspapers affiliated with *The News World* included *Sekai Nippo*, a daily in Japan; *Ultimas Noticias*, a daily in Uruguay; and *The Middle East Times*, a weekly published in Cyprus.

## October 22, 1981

### True Father's Foley Square address





True Father speaks at the Foley Square Rally

Following his indictment on tax evasion charges, which later were shown to be riddled with irregularities, True Father returned to the United States from Korea for his initial appearance in a New York City court on October 22, 1981. At a large, public post-arraignment rally before supporters in a park across the street from Foley Square Courthouse in Manhattan, True Father said:

"I came back to America not just for my own vindication. I came back to America as a representative of all those who suffer governmental injustice, racial prejudice or religious bigotry. ... Today I declare war against these enemies."

He spoke under a massive "We Shall Overcome" banner that exhorted those present to "Protect Religious Liberties and Minority Rights." In a memorable turn of phrase, True Father stated:

"I would not be standing here today if my skin were white and my religion Presbyterian. I am here today only because my skin is yellow and my religion is Unification Church."

The movement subsequently published the text of [True Father's Foley Square Address](#) in a full-page advertisement in *The New York Times*. It also provided an initial endowment of \$2 million for the creation of a Minorities Alliance International (MAI).

## October 22, 2011

**Peace Week Ceremony commemorates 20th anniversary of True Parents' visit to North Korea**



After a Hoon Dok Hwe session in the Cheon Jeong Gung (Peace Museum), True Father headed for Sun Moon University to attend the 2011 Peace Week Proclamation Ceremony. The ceremony, which commemorated the 20th anniversary of True Parents' visit to North Korea, began at 10:30 a.m. in the Grand Hall on the sixth floor of Sun Moon University's main building.

True Father presided over the event hosted by the Ambassadors for Peace Council and Universal Peace Federation (UPF). More than 600 Ambassadors for Peace from regions across Korea attended. True Father's talk centered on his speech given at the Cosmic Assembly for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and for the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self. After True Father finished speaking, the event ended at around 4:00 p.m. with three cheers of Eok Mansei led by Dr. No Hee Pak.

## October 23, 1955

### ***Seonghwa* Student Council founded**



The *Seonghwa* Student Council was founded on October 23, 1955. At the beginning of that month, True Father was found innocent of draft evasion and released from Seodaemun Prison. The headquarters church was then moved to Yeongsan Gu, Cheongpa Dong. On October 16, Sunday school was opened. It was on this foundation that the *Seonghwa* Student Council, encompassing students in elementary school, middle school and high school, was founded. This was the result of activities that the founding preparatory committee, under the guidance of Rev. Won Pil Kim, carried out since September of that year. High school graduates this year are the 60th group of *Seonghwa* students. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## October 23, 1999

### **Declaration of the Day of Liberation of the Blessing for the Entire Cosmos**



On October 23, 1999, the Declaration of the Day of Liberation of the Blessing for the Entire Cosmos was held in East Garden, beginning at 7:00 a.m. In attendance were the children of True Parents and around forty movement leaders.

On this day True Father said, "As of today, I proclaim the unity of the four great realms of the heart, the liberation of creation, the liberation of children, the liberation of a couple and the liberated realm of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth." Based on this victorious foundation, True Father said we had entered the era of the realm of absolute ownership in which God can freely act. It was at this declaration that True Father instructed that holy wine and pure love candy be distributed to people on the street. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## October 26

### **True Mother's North America pilgrimage tour begins**

True Mother arrived in Las Vegas on October 26, 2012. The next day, the 20th anniversary event of Women's Federation for World Peace that had been planned before True Father's

Seonghwa was held successfully under True Mother's guidance. Afterward, True Mother visited every corner of Lake Mead on True Father's boat. There, she captured True Father's spirit as Lake Mead had been the place that he had always gone and prayed to lead the Las Vegas providence.

Soon after, True Mother started a cross-country pilgrimage that was retracing, in reverse from west to east, the course she had taken with True Father 34 years ago to bless America. That way, she symbolically completed the providence in the elder son nation. This pilgrimage, spiritually accompanied by True Father, took seven days from Las Vegas to New York and covered a total of 3,500 miles. It showed True Mother's strong will and determination to lead the tradition and the providence that True Father had left behind.

On November 3, 2012, True Mother completed her pilgrimage when she departed from Boston to New York, stopping by Bridgeport University. The next day, she spoke to 2,000 Unificationists at the Manhattan Center and emphasized that True Parents' tradition and the providence will never be stopped and that all Unificationists should fulfill their mission and responsibility as Tribal Messiahs. The next day, on November 6, True Mother visited various places in East Garden and recalled the times she spent together with True Father and their family.

## October 27, 2012

### True Mother Addresses WFWP USA 20th Anniversary Convention



*True Mother addresses 1,200 attendees at the WFWP USA 20th Anniversary Convention*

In her first public appearance in the United States after True Father's Seonghwa, True Mother attended the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) USA's 20th Anniversary Convention in Las Vegas. Sun Jin Moon, currently the International President for Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), delivered True Mother's keynote address, "**Women as the Turning Point for Peace**," before 1,200 attendees.

In her speech, True Mother called upon those present to "carry the heavy responsibility to complete the providential mission of the 'Abel Women UN,' which is the final organization that True Father and I created together." She noted, "Until now we have depended on government organizations created by men to bring about global peace." However, she said, "To surmount the limitations of their efforts ... a peace movement ... guided by women should take root as the cornerstone of a new system."

After the convention True Mother announced that she would go from there to the eastern United States, visiting places where she had accompanied True Father "years ago," exploring places on the way "where he would like to visit."

## October 28, 1962 (Oct. 1 lunar)

### True Parents Introduce “My Pledge”

Following the Holy Blessing of 36 Couples in 1961, True Parents introduced an abbreviated version of what became “My Pledge” on October 1, 1962. “My Pledge” consisted of five statements that affirmed Unification faith and commitments. It was a staple of Unification devotional life, regularly recited on Sunday mornings, the first day of the month, and on Holy Days from its introduction until 1994, when it was superseded by the “Family Pledge.”

## October 28, 2006

### Inaugural Peace Queen Cup Soccer Tournament begins



*The Inaugural Peace Queen Cup Tournament is held in South Korea.*

Following the 2002 World Cup soccer tournament jointly sponsored by Korea and Japan, True Father established the Sun Moon Peace Football Foundation. It sponsored a Peace Cup invitational soccer tournament for some of the world's best men's club teams every two years beginning in 2003.

In 2006, the foundation sponsored the first Peace Queen Cup tournament for women's soccer teams. It was held from October 28 to November 4, 2006, in six South Korean cities. The tournament brought together national women's teams from Brazil, Italy, Canada, Australia, Denmark, South Korea, the Netherlands and the United States. The U.S. national women's team defeated Canada 1-0 to win the first championship.

## October 28, 2008

### Groundbreaking Ceremony for Cheongshim Peace World Center Stadium



*Design plans for the Cheongshim Peace World Center.*

Three thousand people attended the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Cheongshim Peace World Center on October 28, 2008. Designed to hold 25,000 people, it was created to be the largest and most sophisticated multipurpose cultural center in South Korea, eight times larger than the Sejong Center for the Performing Arts and twice as large as the Olympic Gymnastics Hall, both located in Seoul.

With three floors underground and four floors above, it was designed to be the first Korean arena with folding chairs, a state-of-the-art moving stage and an audiovisual system to host an array of events including concerts, business conventions, corporate events, indoor sports competitions, educational events, expositions and television commercials. The arena would take three years to complete and addressed True Father's long-held desire to see an iconic center for global culture near Cheongpyeong Lake.

## October 30, 1988

### 6,500 Couple's Holy Marriage Blessing Unites Korean and Japanese in Marriage



*The 6,500 Couple's Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony, October 30, 1988.*

On October 30, 1988, True Parents blessed in marriage 6,516 couples in a Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony conducted in the complex of Ilhwa Pharmaceutical's McCol soft drink factory in Yong-in, Korea. This Marriage Blessing was significant in that it brought together some 2,500 Korean/Japanese couples. As True Father noted,

“Korea and Japan have been enemies for a long time, and their animosity has never been healed. Through this matching ... emotional strains and hurt will be removed ... the fortunes of these two nations will begin to take root on earth.”

True Parents conducted the Marriage Blessing on the foundation of the recently completed Seoul Olympics and declaration of “The Nation of the Unified World.” It was the ninth providential Marriage Blessing following True Parents' Holy Wedding and the Marriage Blessings of 3, 36, 72, 124, 430, 777, 1,800 and 8,000 couples.

## October 30, 2007

### WFWP Conference held in North Korea

Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) Korea had been working for some time to re-establish inter-Korean sisterhood, initiating, among other things, a “One Percent Love-offering” which encouraged people in South Korea to donate 1 percent of their income to the North. WFWP Leaders also met with their counterparts from the North on a number of occasions.

Their interaction came to fruition in a WFWP convention on “Women's Leadership in

Building North-South Unification and World Peace” held at the Mount Kumgang Resort in the North. Ten female leaders from Pyongyang participated in the conference in addition to 700 international delegates. There were some sensitive issues, such as use of the term “leader,” as North Koreans used the word “leader” only for Kim Jong Il and preferred the designation “worker” or “laborer” for signage. They also resisted religious words such as “God” (changed to “Creator”) and religious ceremonies. Nevertheless, the head of the North Korean delegation referred respectfully to True Parents’ visit with Kim Il Sung sixteen years earlier, acknowledging that “They ... so love this nation and its people.”

November

## November 1, 1996

### True Father declares the Elimination of Historical Indemnity



True Father issued a number of declarations during the late 1990s, several centered on New Hope Farms in Jardim, Brazil. These declarations were foundational in the globalization of the Blessing and the proclamation of the Nation of Cosmic Harmony (*Cheon Il Guk*). On November 1, 1996, in Uruguay, True Father declared the Elimination of Historical Indemnity. In his **speech** he declared, “An era of great transition has begun” and stated, “The settlement of the Family Federation for World Peace and the elimination of historical indemnity could be proclaimed in the name of True Parents.” He especially uplifted the role of True Mother in this process, stating:

On the blessed family foundation, individuals and families representing Cain and Abel must unite centering absolutely on the True Parents, first becoming as one with True Mother. Centering on her, the democratic and communist worlds, Catholics and Protestants, and the spiritual and physical worlds can be united. On this global foundation, everything could then be indemnified centered on Mother. Thus, it became possible to proclaim the settlement of the Family Federation for World Peace and the elimination of historical indemnity.

## **November 1, 2014**

### **Multicultural Peace Festival held in Korea**



Sun Moon University  
along with the Korean  
Multicultural Peace  
Federation and the  
Multicultural General

Welfare Center hosted a Multicultural Peace Festival in Korea, held in Asan on November 1, 2014.

About 10,000 people from Japan, the Philippines, Thailand and some 80 other nations gathered for the event. The festival spotlighted multicultural families and was intended to support the realization of a multicultural society for Korea. The event included a commemorative ceremony, multicultural performances, sports competitions, booths with international food, and a “Global Village One Family Parade” to Asan City Hall under banners of “Korea

Welcoming Citizens of the World,” “Multicultural Couples Creating Happiness,” and “Korea as One Family.”

The festival also served to launch the True Love Peace Service Federation, which was intended to “realize love and service beyond the barriers of nations, religions, races and cultures.” Some 160 multicultural and service organizations participated. The 2014 festival was based on True Parents’ teachings of “One Family under God.” Organizers stated their intention to hold the Multicultural Peace Festival every other year.

## **November 2, 1983**

**CAUSA International headquarters dedicated**



*True Parents dedicate the CAUSA International Headquarters.*

True Father set up CAUSA, from the Latin word for “cause,” in 1980 following the fall of Nicaragua in 1979 to Marxist Sandinistas. The overwhelming success of CAUSA programs in Latin America in ideologically arming students, union leaders, teachers, government officials and police who

previously had been exposed to Marxist theory led to CAUSA's expansion to the United States.

In 1983, construction of CAUSA International Headquarters began in the Tiffany Building on Fifth Avenue in New York City. In addition to a main hall equipped with highly advanced multimedia equipment and seating for 200, renovated space included 22 offices. Among these were CAUSA libraries for research, the CAUSA Institute, and multimedia rooms for the preparation of lecture slides and diagrams. True Parents dedicated the facility, cutting a ceremonial ribbon and encouraging staff at a celebration banquet on November 2, 1983. The following year, CAUSA sponsored 34 major conferences and 290 local programs.

## **November 2, 1984**

**First global assembly for CARP university students**



Around 3,000 CARP members took part in the First Global Assembly for CARP University Students, which was held in the Little Angels Performing Arts Center in Seoul under the theme “One World under God”

from November 2 to 8, 1984. During the assembly, a symposium entitled “University Student Values Regarding World Peace,” a friendship ceremony between Korean and Japanese students and a sports festival to bring about harmony and unity among the global CARP membership were held. It was during this assembly that True Parents’ first son, Hyo Jin Moon, was appointed as the World CARP president. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## **November 2, 1993**

### **True Mother’s begins Forty-Nation Speaking Tour**



On November 2, 1993, True Mother set off on her “True Parents and the Completed Testament Age” tour of forty nations. True Mother first spoke in Frankfurt, Germany. She called on women to take the lead in realizing God’s ideal. Her speaking tour ended in Taiwan on December 22, 1993. True Mother with True Father previously delivered the address in 33 U.S. cities, and True Mother gave it in the U.S. Capitol. She later delivered the address at the United Nations

in New York on September 7, 1993, which served as a springboard to the world tour.

From September 11 to 30, True Mother conducted twenty-five rallies in Japan, the highlight being her speech before 50,000 people at the Tokyo Dome. In October 1993, she delivered the Completed Testament Age message before audiences at forty Korean universities, often speaking at two campuses on the same day. Having spoken in the United States, Japan and Korea, True Mother traveled the globe for the next fifty-three days. The tour covered Europe, Eurasia, the Middle East, Africa, South America and Asia.

## **November 2, 2012**

### **Korean Church Launches Nationwide Divine Principle Revival Campaign**

Scores of churches across Korea launched a Nationwide Divine Principle Revival Campaign on November 2, 2012. FFWPU Korea published advertisements for the campaign in 11 national newspapers under the headline “The Time That You Open Your Mind, New Life Will Begin.”



*Participants listen to a Divine Principle lecture at the No-won Church during the three-day lecture series on November 2-4, 2012 as part of the first of three 40-day Revival Campaigns.*

The revival was aimed at explaining who Rev. Moon

was, what his mission was, and why Unificationists refer to him as “True Father,” the “Messiah,” and the “Second Coming.” Through the three-day lecture series which continued until November 4, it also was intended to answer fundamental questions about the life and destiny of humankind.

After the passing of True Father, True Mother called for a revival through witnessing to the Divine Principle, True Father’s seminal teaching. The nationwide advertisements focused on the revival of Divine Principle education for non-Unificationists and Unificationists alike. Prior to that, churches in Korea had focused on educating Unificationists and Unificationist-born youth.

## November 3, 1989

### Mother Soon Ae Hong's Ascension



*True Father's calligraphy for Soon Ae Hong at her Seonghwa (ascension) ceremony.*

True Mother’s mother, Soon Ae Hong (born February 14, 1914), ascended to the spirit world on November 3, 1989, at the age of 75. She had been ill for some time and True Mother was at her

bedside when she passed.

Mrs. Hong, whom True Father gave the honorific title Dae Mo Nim or “Great Mother,” had the distinction of participating in several of the Korean spiritual groups

that preceded the Unification Church, including the Holy Lord and Inside-Belly churches. However, her main contribution was raising True Mother. At her Seonghwa ceremony True Father prayed that she “may pave the road for all people to receive God’s blessings, from the lowest parts of hell and on every level.” True Mother said, “She will be able to travel between heaven and earth freely,” assisting “True Family and all of you in your work.” Their words were prophetic as attested by the dynamic ministry undertaken under Dae Mo Nim at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center.

## **November 3, 1989**

### **Sung Hwa University Established**

On November 3, 1989,  
it was announced that  
the South Korean  
Ministry of Education  
had given permission



for Sung Hwa Theological Seminary to become a university. Located in the city of Cheonan, the seminary previously had been given permission to confer four-year degrees. With its elevation to university status, Sung Hwa entered an era of expansion which culminated in it becoming Sun Moon University in 1994 and moving onto a second campus in the city of Asan.

True Father founded Sung Hwa Theological Seminary under the auspices of the Sung Hwa Educational Foundation, which managed a number of affiliated

schools including Kyung Bok Elementary School, Sun Hwa Arts Middle and High Schools, Sun Jung Women's Middle School and Sun Jung High School. True Father established the foundation to realize his vision for holistic education under the motto of "Love Heaven, Love Humankind, Love Your Country."

## November 4, 1980

### ***The News World Predicts "Reagan Landslide"***



*Ronald Reagan holding a copy of the News World, which predicted Reagan's landslide victory on Election Day morning, November 4, 1980.*

After the Washington Monument rally of September 1976, True Father "set the deadline" of December 31 for producing the first issue of a new daily newspaper in New York City. On December 31, "the presses rolled early in the morning ... and the first issue of *The News World* hit the streets of New York." With a color photograph on the front page and a motto that

described it as "New York's oldest daily color newspaper," *The News World* was a 24-page general-interest daily with a staff of 200. During the New York City blackout of July 1977, it was the only newspaper to publish, with reporters working by candlelight to write and edit stories. Later, during a three-month newspaper strike that shut down the city's other major dailies, *The News World* continued to publish, with its circulation soaring to nearly

400,000 daily.

Undoubtedly the paper's boldest move was to predict a "Reagan Landslide" in a bold headline on November 4, 1980, the day of the U.S. presidential election. The next day, having been vindicated in its prediction that Ronald Reagan would "win by more than 350 electoral votes and carry New York as well," the paper published another banner headline, which read, "Thank God! We Were Right!" and featured a UPI photo of President-elect Reagan holding the previous day's *News World*.

## **November 5, 2005**

### **True Father Admitted to the United Kingdom after 27 Years**

On November 5, 2005, at about 11 a.m. an airplane carrying True Parents



landed at a small airport, Biggin Hill, in the foxhunting countryside near the London suburb of Chislehurst. This was True Father's first visit to the United Kingdom since the summer of 1978, when he came with Unification Theological Seminary students to pioneer home church. Since 1995, the British government had banned True Father from entering Britain. Germany subsequently banned True Father as "a threat to public order" and was followed by fourteen additional European Union nations who

employed common immigration practices under the Schengen Agreement's immigration system.

Schengen Agreement provisions were designed to prevent terrorists and drug dealers from abusing liberal European travel codes. Unificationists eventually would be successful in demonstrating that the ban on True Father was illegitimate and having it removed. Prior to that, in October 1995, British Home Secretary Charles Clark lifted the British ban and True Father delivered a public address, "True Family and I," in London as part of the Universal Peace Federation's Inaugural World Tour.

On disembarking the plane, True Father was reported to have said, "Hmm ... harder to get into Britain than to enter the spiritual world."

## **November 7, 1966**

**Inter-Denominational Christian Association  
established**



A ceremony marking the foundation of the Inter-Denominational Christian Association was held on

November 7, 1966, at A-seo-won, in Jung district of Seoul. This was the result of the Christianity-based interdenominational activities that had been held since 1965. True Father said, “If a hundred members become people central to creating harmony, they can be remembered by Heaven. To bring about harmony, interdenominational activities must be carried out to a degree where one would even fall into debt for it.” When first established, it was launched under the name the Christian Inter-Denominational Movement Headquarters but was renamed the Inter-Denominational Christian Association eight years later in October 1974. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

## **November 7, 1999**

***Cheonseong Wanglim (Main Hall) dedicated***



On March 10, 1997, there was a groundbreaking ceremony at Cheongpyeong Lake in Korea for what was to become a major sanctuary that could hold up to 10,000 workshop participants at a time. In design, it was understood to be a replica of a palace in heaven, a reality that was attested to in calligraphy provided for the occasion by True Father, which read,

“The Heavenly Palace that came down from Heaven.”

Essentially, a small mountain was leveled to construct a magnificent marble structure overlooking Cheongpyeong Lake. Named *Cheonseong Wanglim* Palace, the edifice was dedicated on November 7, 1999.

## November 8, 1987

### UTS “Soul of Russia” Holds Prayer Walk for Religious Freedom in the Soviet Union



The “Soul of Russia,” a Unification Theological Seminary (UTS) student-based prayer and educational group

concerned with ending religious persecution in communist countries, held a prayer walk with more than 250 participants at UTS on November 8, 1987. Titled a “Restorational Prayer Walk for Religious Freedom in the Soviet Union,” the candlelight walk was timed to follow the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. The turnout generated extensive media coverage, including front-page photos in local newspapers.

## November 9, 1989

### East Germany Opens Berlin Wall





The Unification movement dedicated itself to “Victory over Communism” for many years. In 1985, True Father sponsored a major conference in Geneva, Switzerland, titled The Fall of the Soviet Empire. At that time, few thought this was a realistic possibility. However, four years later, on November 9, 1989, East Germany officially announced freedom of travel and border guards opened the gates which had restricted travel since 1961. This major symbol of the Cold War and the Iron Curtain subsequently was demolished and the Soviet Union itself collapsed less than two years later.

**November 10, 1981**

## True Father Proposes International Highway



In “The Creation of a New World,” the **Founder’s Address** at the 10th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS),

held in Seoul, Korea, from November 9 to 13, 1981, True Father proposed the construction of a “Great Asian Highway” that eventually would link the world. This, he said, “would be a great international highway around which freedom is guaranteed.” He also envisioned the highway as a spur for economic development and cultural integration.

His call resulted in the establishment of the Japan-Korea Tunnel Research Institute and the International Highway Construction Corporation, which conducted extensive private research and public relations activities during the 1980s and 1990s. In 2005 at the Inaugural Convocation of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), True Father renewed his call for an International Highway System, focusing on “a passage for transit across the Bering Strait.”

## November 10, 2011

### David S.C. Kim’s *Seonghwa* Ceremony





*David S.C. Kim working with the One World Crusade.*

David S.C. Kim, one of the five founding members of the Unification Church in 1954, the second missionary to the United States in 1959, and the founding president of Unification Theological Seminary (1975-1994), passed away on November 8, 2011, at age 96. On his passing, True Father stated that he had “entered the Garden of Heaven as a representative of filial piety and loyalty.”



## **November 11, 2007**

### **True Mother Begins U.S. 12-City Speaking Tour**



True Mother began a U.S. 12-city speaking tour titled Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will

on November 11, 2007. She began the tour in Los Angeles and concluded it in New York on November

21. Wherever she spoke, many people came.

Throughout the tour, True Father offered conditions on Geomun Island, Yeosu, Korea, and encouraged True Mother by telephone. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee.)

## November 12, 1965

### Sang Ik “Papa-san” Choi Arrives in San Francisco

Mr. Sang Ik  
“Papa-san” Choi,  
the first  
successful  
Unification  
Church



missionary to  
Japan, began his  
mission in the  
United States on

*True Father with Mr. Sang Ik “Papa-san” Choi prior to his departure as a missionary*

November 12, 1965. He was the fourth Korean missionary to pioneer the United States, following Miss Young Oon Kim, Mr. David S.C. Kim and Col. Bo Hi Pak.

Mr. Choi was joined by Daikon Ohnuki and Soo Lim (later known as “Onni” Durst). They, along with Mrs. Choi, the Chois’ infant son and three members from the church in Japan, developed what later became the International Re-Education Foundation in San Francisco. Mr. Choi adapted “Principles of Education” and a social movement rather than church profile to reach the secular Bay Area audience and hippie youth. The original community of eight doubled itself

with eight new American members by the end of 1967. A pattern of doubling membership annually continued until 1971.

## **November 12, 2004**

### ***Cheongshim Youth Center Dedicated***



The *Cheongshim* Youth Center in Cheongpyeong, Gyeonggi Province, was dedicated on November 12, 2004. Around a thousand Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center workshop participants came for the ceremonial dedication. True Parents planted a commemorative tree and cut a ribbon. True Father wrote a calligraphic message, “*Cheon-ji Gae-byeok Cheon-jin-gyeok-dong Man-hwa-seong-chui.*” The Cheongshim Youth Center began to play a key role in the education of Unificationist-born young people under the vision “Challenge to Achieve Dreams and Hopes.” (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee.)

## **November 13, 2014**

### **Japan High Court Landmark Ruling against Kidnapping and “Deprogramming”**



The Unification movement in Japan won a major victory on November 13, 2014, when Tokyo's High Court ruled in favor of Mr. Toru Goto in his civil suit against family members and "deprogrammers" who had held him captive for 12 years and five months (September 11, 1995 to February 10, 2008) in order to force him to abandon the Unification faith. The court ruled that this amounted to kidnapping and "an unlawful suppression of freedom of action." It ordered three family members to pay compensation of 22 million yen (2.2 million US\$). The lead deprogrammer was ordered to pay 11 million yen (1.1 million US\$) in compensation.

Over the past 45 years, more than 4,300 persons, mostly Unificationists and 80 percent of them women, have been kidnapped for the purpose of breaking their faith. The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom and the U.S. State Department previously filed reports critical of Japan for inaction on this human rights abuse. Mr. Goto's initial effort to press criminal charges was denied in 2009 by the Tokyo Prosecutors Office, which cited "insufficient evidence." He subsequently filed a civil

lawsuit, which resulted in the 2014 decision. Japan's Supreme Court dismissed appeals by the defendants in the case and upheld the verdict by the Tokyo High Court on September 29, 2015. This concluded Mr. Goto's seven-year legal battle and put an end to kidnapping and deprogramming as a legal option in Japan.

## **November 15, 1984**

### **True Father Awarded Honorary Doctorate by the University of La Plata**

More than 500 people filled the United Nations Delegates' Dining Room on November 15, 1984, when True Father and Dr. Bo Hi Pak were awarded honorary degrees of Doctor *Honoris Causa* from the Catholic University of La Plata, Argentina. True Mother received the degree on behalf of True Father, who at the time was incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution at Danbury, Connecticut. Monsignor Antonio Jose Plaza, archbishop of La Plata and chancellor of the university, traveled to New York to bestow the award despite objections from the Vatican. True Mother thanked the chancellor and university for their "courageous stand ... in recognizing and honoring my husband at this difficult time."

True Father previously had received an honorary doctorate in law from Ricker College, Maine, in 1975. During his time in Danbury, he received four additional honorary doctorates. The first was awarded by La Plata University, also in Argentina.

The second, on May 11, 1985, was conferred by the Shaw University Divinity School, affiliated with the Methodist Church. The third, on May 28, 1985, was from the Bible Theological Seminary of the State of Florida, and the final one was awarded by Vennard College on August 15, 1985.

## November 15, 1985

### First Assembly of the World's Religions begins



*Dr. Huston Smith, author on world religions, greets True Father at the assembly.*

More than 600 spiritual leaders, clergy, professors, artists, students and professionals from 85 nations gathered at the Americana Great Gorge resort, in McAfee, New

Jersey, for the first Assembly of the World's Religions from November 15 to 21, 1985. Sponsored by the International Religious Foundation (IRF), it was envisioned as the first of three assemblies commemorating the 100th anniversary of the World Parliament of Religions held in Chicago in 1893.

The theme of Assembly One was "Recovering the Classical Heritage." Stylistic banners representing the world faith traditions were created for the occasion by the famed banner-maker Norman Laliberte. Participants gathered daily for meditations, plenary talks, discussion groups, and informal presentations of song and storytelling. A practical

outcome of the assembly was the launch of the Religious Youth Service (RYS).

In his Founder's Address, titled "Dialogue and Alliance," True Father memorably stated, "As far as I know, God is not sectarian. He is not obsessed with minor details of doctrine. We should quickly liberate ourselves from theological conflict, which results from blind attachment to doctrines and rituals, and instead focus on living communication with God." He contended, "Only through a religious and spiritual revolution bringing great harmony, love and compassion will we finally realize the ideal world of peace." He also expressed three goals for the assembly:

First, that the world's religious traditions respect each other and at least work to keep in check any inter-religious conflicts and wars.

Second, that the assembly serve the world by becoming a cooperative community of religions ... calling religious people to practical action, encouraging all people to live by God-centered values, and fostering the development of human minds and spirits. Third, that the assembly develop into an organization in which the major leadership of all religions participate.

## **November 15, 2001**

**True Father Proclaims *Cheon Il Guk***

True Father proclaimed *Cheonju Pyeonghwa Tongil Guk* (the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity),

abbreviated as *Cheon Il Guk* (CIG), on November 15, 2001. *Cheon Il Guk* is the Unification equivalent of the Kingdom of Heaven and the culmination of True Father's ministry. Previously True Father declared a fundamental shift in the order of salvation from the individual to the family. *Cheon Il Guk* advanced beyond the family to the creation of a heavenly nation. True Father defined the *Cheon Il Guk* "era" as the period during which the foundation of *Cheon Il Guk* was to be established. He said the movement was on a "tight schedule" of twelve years, extending until 2013. True Father's proclamation of *Cheon Il Guk* energized the Unification movement and marked a new stage in its development.

## November 16, 2004

### Lady Dr. Kim's Ascension

Mrs. Shin Wook "Lady Dr." Kim ascended on November 16, 2004, at age 90. She converted to the Holy Spirit Association from the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1956 and was an obstetrician and gynecologist, having delivered more than 5,000 babies, including five of True Parents' children. She also was a "spiritual doctor," and that was the title and mission True Father assigned to her in America. She immigrated in 1971 and was well known among early American members for her wise and warm counsel. Prior to the Cheongpyeong providence, she also played a major role on issues related to ancestors and the spiritual



world. During the Washington Monument campaign, she conducted an important ceremony to sanctify the grounds and protect True Father's life.

## **November 16, 2009**

### **11.16 Blessing Ceremony for Unificationist-born Couples**



On November 16, 2009, 173 Unificationist-born couples from 28 nations took part in a Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony before 1,200 parents and others at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. All participants met the Cheon Il Guk matching standard of purity, never having kissed, dated, had any physical relationship or made any exclusive romantic commitment. They also met the standard of openness to form an international or intercultural couple. On that foundation, True Parents matched the couples individually.

## **November 17, 1989**

## True Father's interview with Soviet News magazine published



*The Soviet interview with True Father was reprinted in major U.S. newspapers.*

In a sign of things to come, True Father granted his first interview in 13 years to *Za Rubezhom* (“Abroad”), a Soviet newsweekly with a circulation of over 1

million that was read by intellectuals and policy leaders throughout the Soviet Union. *Za Rubezhom* titled the interview “A Spiritual Revolution Is Needed” and published it the week of November 17-25 in its “Religion and Society” section. The interview was translated into English and published in advertisements in major newspapers around the United States under the banner head “Rev. Moon Breaks His Silence.”

True Father spoke about his daughter-in-law Hoon Sook (Julia) Moon’s dance performance on the stage of the Kirov Theatre and his respect for Russian artistic traditions; President Gorbachev’s efforts to launch *glasnost* (“openness”) and *perestroika* (“restructuring”); and the need for the Soviet Union to support religious freedom and develop “a wider-based individual incentive system” for its commerce. He said that he welcomed the “lessening of tensions among the nations of the world” but that lasting peace would come only when we “settle our peace with God.” “What our world most needs,” True Father stated, is “a spiritual revolution. Then we can successfully solve our economic and

social problems.”

True Father’s interview with *Za Rubezhom* culminated a decade of groundwork by the World Media Association in cultivating contacts among Soviet journalists and was a steppingstone to the 11th World Media Conference in Moscow and True Parents’ meeting with President Gorbachev in April 1990.

## November 19, 1960

### Children’s Day Established



*True Parents celebrate the 48th Children’s Day and cheer with their grandson.*

True Father established Children’s Day at the former headquarters church at Cheongpa-dong in Seoul on November 19, 1960. It was the second major Holy Day established by

the church, following Parents’ Day, which had been declared on March 1, 1960 (lunar).

Children’s Day signified the restoration of God’s direct lineage and opened the way for humanity to be engrafted into that lineage as God’s sons and daughters. Children’s Day continued to be celebrated annually according to the lunar calendar. At the 35th Parents’ Day in 1994, True Parents directed that the word “True” be placed before the names of the four major Holy Days (God’s Day, Parents’ Day, Children’s Day and Day of All Things). Thenceforth, the day has

been observed as True Children's Day.

## November 19, 2007

### 1,000th *Cheongshim* Baby Born

On November 19, 2007, at 6:47 pm, the 1,000th *Cheongshim* baby was born in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department of Cheongshim International Medical Center. The newborn was the eldest son



*The parents of the 1000th Chungshim Baby, Yeong-cheol Pak (right) and Mayumi Okawa, November 19, 2007, Chungshim International Hospital.*

(2.98 kg) of Yeong-cheol Pak and Mayumi Okawa (a 360,000 blessed couple, South Korea).

The obstetrics and gynecology department of Cheongshim International Medical Center reportedly had the highest percentages for natural delivery and breastfeeding in all Korea, combining Western and Oriental approaches to medicine.

## November 20, 1991

### True Mother Proclaims the “Feminine Logic of Love”

On November 20, 1991, True Mother spoke before a gathering of 15,000 Women's Federation for Peace in

Asia members at Seoul's Jamsil Stadium. At the event she stated, "In history, the 'logic of power' has been dominant," but said that the present age demanded the "feminine 'logic of love' to solve ... problems and lead history in a proper way." True Mother's admonition was taken up by the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP), which was founded the following year.

## **November 21, 1946**

### **True Father Released from Pyongyang Jail**

True Father undertook mission work in North Korea beginning in June 1946. Some two months later, on August 11, 1946, he was arrested by police in Taedong, a district of Pyongyang. In jail, he met members of the "Inside-Belly" Church whose leader also had been arrested. That church had been preparing clothes and food for the Lord's Second Coming. On September 18, 1946, True Father passed a message to its leader, Mrs. Hyo Bin Heo, which stated. "The writer of this note has a mission from heaven. Pray to find out who he is. ... " The note was discovered and True Father was subjected to severe torture which included sleep deprivation and savage beatings.

On November 21, a Soviet interrogator determined that True Father was not a spy from the South, and authorities notified followers that they should come and get him. According to one account, True Father was thrown out into the yard, half dead from the beatings, his clothes stuck to his body by clotted

blood. He vomited blood, and those helping him thought he might die. However, after three weeks he began to improve. True Father wrote in his autobiography, "Once I recovered, I resumed my evangelical work." Mrs. Hyo Bin Heo perished in prison.

## **November 21, 1960**

### **Young Oon Kim Relocates to San Francisco**



*Young Oon Kim with early members gathered at Oak Hill.*

Young Oon Kim, "Miss Kim" to early American members, was the first Unification Church missionary to the United States. A former professor at Ehwa University in Seoul, she came to Eugene, Oregon, as an exchange student at the University of Oregon in January 1959. There she witnessed and gathered a small community who resided in Oakhill, a rural settlement outside Eugene. The group dedicated themselves to outreach and production of Miss Kim's English translation of the Divine Principle text.

In September 1960, two female members fled Oakhill due to persecution from their husbands. They went

first to Fresno, California, then to San Francisco. In part, because their husbands continued to harass the group, mainly by target shooting in the field across from where Miss Kim lived, she and three of her core members decided to relocate. Miss Kim wrote:

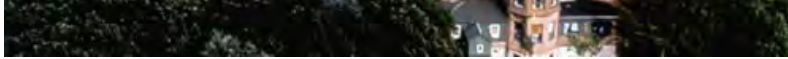
Eugene was a small, conservative city, where I went not by choice, but to follow my scholarship. Next I went to Oakhill, which was only a small settlement in the countryside. There I spent time raising those who had accepted and deepening their understanding of the Principle, as well as teaching the Principle in Lebanon, Salem, Albany, and Portland. ... I found Oregon quite provincial on the whole, though, and was not reluctant to leave. I yearned to launch my work in a cosmopolitan city. I now had a textbook for wider work. ... It seemed like this was where Father was leading me.

Miss Kim's group severed ties irrevocably with the Northwest and began a new chapter of Unification Church history in the San Francisco Bay Area.

## **November 21, 1986**

**UTS Granted "Provisional Charter" by the State of New York**





*An aerial view of UTS.*

Unification Theological Seminary obtained a “provisional charter” to grant academic degrees on November 21, 1986. By a 12-2 vote, the New York State Board of Regents approved the Seminary’s provisional charter and master plan. UTS graduates would now receive master’s degrees in either Religious Education (M.R.E.) or Divinity (M.Div.).

This action marked the end of a 10-year battle to attain recognition. A previous attempt to gain a provisional charter, submitted in 1976, was denied in 1978. UTS took the matter to court, claiming discrimination and unfair treatment, narrowly losing a 4-3 decision of the New York State Court of Appeals in 1981. Reapplication for the charter was made in April 1984. Some 450 students who had attended UTS prior to 1986 graduated with “certificates” rather than degrees. It would be another four years before the State of New York granted UTS its “Absolute Charter,” some 15 years after its initial application.

## **November 22, 1989**

### **Han Sook Kim Lee's Ascension**



On November 22, 1989, in Seoul, Han Sook Kim, the wife of President Sang Hun Lee of the Unification Thought Institute of

Korea and America, passed on to the spirit world. In 1956 Mrs. Lee, together with her husband, joined the Unification Church. Mrs. Lee was a pioneer missionary and in 1970 took part in the mobilization campaign for blessed wives, going out on a three-year witnessing mission.

After her passing, Mrs. Lee communicated to her husband through Mrs. Young Soon Kim. This was the beginning of Dr. Lee's efforts to explain the reality of the spirit world. He wrote: "While I give Unification Thought lectures, the audience asks many kinds of questions to me. About the earthly things I gave all the answers with True Father's teachings, but about spiritual things I couldn't give an answer, so I was very frustrated." After his passing in 1997, Dr. Lee authored a number of works about the spirit world, notably *Life in the Spirit World and on Earth*.

## November 22, 2010

### Era of Universal Peace Assembly held

A special World Assembly, "The Era of Universal Peace: God's Providence and the 'Abel UN,'" was held on



November 22, 2010, at the Manhattan Center in the heart of New York City. According to unofficial notes taken at the time, True Father said that the assembly was providentially important because it took place on November 22 (10.17 H.C.), the day after the three-day period (10.14, 10.15, 10.16 H.C.) centered on

10.14 H.C. in 2010, which was the 60th anniversary of True Father's liberation from the Heungnam labor camp in North Korea.

True Father said that especially through these three assemblies, the proclamation of True Parents must reach perfection, conclusion, and completion. He said that it is proclaimed that Korea, which is where True Parents were born, became God's homeland. True Father said that the internal meaning of these assemblies was that all the leaders of the Group of Twenty major economies and other countries should join the assemblies and attend the victorious True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

## **November 23, 1972**

### **First ICUS Conference begins**



A session from the first ICUS conference.

The First International Conference on Unified Science (later renamed the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, or ICUS) was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City from November 23-26, 1972. It convened twenty scientists from seven nations to discuss "Moral Orientation of

the Sciences.” The previous January, True Father had suggested the idea to Edward Haskell, a lecturer at Southern Connecticut State College who dedicated his life’s work to the unification of human knowledge into a single discipline. Haskell, who had been contacted by the New Haven center, was enthusiastic about the proposal and helped draw up plans for the conference.

The conference itself included an opening banquet and three working days of lectures, responses, panels and open discussions. In his **closing address**, True Father called for “a unified system of thought” and “a new standard of value” that will establish “the unified world of prosperity, happiness and goodness.” The conference was successful both in the quality of participants, presentations and as a building block for future conferences. The movement published the proceedings and held the Second International Conference on Unified Science the following November in Tokyo. Expanded guest lists and formats would characterize annual ICUS meetings.

## November 23, 1986

***Tiempos Del Mundo* launched**



*President Bush  
holding a copy of*

True Parents unveiled *Tiempos del Mundo*, the first inter-American Spanish-language newspaper at the Buenos Aires Sheraton on November 23, 1996. With publication

Tiempos Del Mundo  
at its inauguration.

beginning as a weekly in

Buenos Aires, plans called for

the newspaper to come out on

Sundays at first, but go daily very quickly via satellite transmission to editorial centers in 17 countries (10 in South America, five in Central America and one in the Caribbean and the United States).

At the gala evening inauguration attended by 300 leaders from 33 Latin American nations plus more than 600 local VIPs, former U.S. President George Bush stated,

“I want to salute Rev. Moon, who is the founder of *The Washington Times* and also of *Tiempos del Mundo*. ... A lot of my friends in South America don’t know about *The Washington Times*, but it is an independent voice. The editors of *The Washington Times* tell me that never once has the man with the vision interfered with the running of the paper, a paper that in my view brings sanity to Washington, D.C. I am convinced that *Tiempos del Mundo* is going to do the same thing.”

In a preamble to his speech, “**In Search of the Origin of the Universe**,” True Father said that the “guideline” for the newspaper will be to provide “edifying reports,” to offer “constructive information, promoting harmony” and to reverse “the tendency toward disbelief.” He stated that he was “especially interested in emphasizing family ethics and in guiding youth in the right direction.”

## **November 23 ~ 30, 1997**

### **3rd World Culture and Sports Festival Held in Washington, D.C.**

From November 23 to 30, 1997, the third World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) was held in Washington, D.C., taking place for the first time in the United States. True Parents envisioned the WCSF as an event that would gather thousands of participants from many fields for the purpose of establishing a foundation for world peace. Each gathering brought together many of the projects which represented True Parents' lifelong efforts around the world. The Unification movement organized the first World Culture and Sports Festival in 1992 and the second in 1995, both of which took place at Jamsil Olympic Stadium in Seoul, Korea.

## **November 24, 1996**

### **New Victoria Plaza Hotel and tower inaugurated**



True Parents inaugurated a new annex tower and a newly remodeled Victoria Plaza Hotel in Montevideo, Uruguay, on November 24, 1996. A modern

five-star hotel with state-of-the-art conference facilities, the Victoria Plaza prominently stood out as a premier landmark for Uruguay and the Southern Cone region of South America.

## **November 26, 1992**

### **True Parents First Visit to Oceania**

True Parents visited Australia and New Zealand for the first time on the occasion of True Mother's Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) 1992 world speaking tour. They had visited Hawaii on several occasions and True Father had established a Holy Ground in the Philippines during his first World Tour in 1965. However, this was their first visit to the South Pacific.

Following their arrival at Cairns in northeastern Australia on November 26, True Father tested the black marlin fishing grounds for three days. True Mother then delivered her address, "Women's Role in World Peace," before an audience of 500 in Sydney on November 29. The next day, True Father spoke to Unificationists on "The Liberation of Women" for seven hours and wrote a calligraphy, "Unification World is from Oceania." True Mother spoke before 400 people in Auckland, New Zealand on December 2. Afterwards, they visited the South Island deer farm which had won first prize in a 1991 nationwide deer velvet competition.

Observing the countryside and beautiful clear running water, True Mother was heard to say, "I have always dreamed there was a country like this."

## **November 28, 1991**

### **True Parents Prepare for Meeting with Kim Il Sung**

Prior to True Parent's epoch-making visit with North Korean leader Kim Il Sung in December 1991, they stopped in Hawaii to make their final internal



True Father and Kim Il Sung.

preparations. He also wrote a speech he intended to share with Kim Il Sung alone.

True Father later stated, "I ... visited Hawaii and prayed here at a critical moment when I was on my way to meet Kim Il Sung of North Korea in 1991 with the purpose of bringing an end to the cold war era."

According to Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu, True Father "went to Hawaii to offer Heaven the last prayer so he could overcome his hatred for Kim." His attitude was "even if the whole world hates him and accuses him of being a murderer, if I hate him, too, he cannot be saved." True Father concluded that he would go with the heart of a parent. Mrs. Eu said that the "trust created" at True Father and Kim Il Sung's meeting "was possible only because Kim could feel Father's sincere love."

## **November 29, 1997**

### **3.6 Million Couples Marriage Blessing**





An aerial view of the 3.6 Million Couple Holy Marriage Blessing.

True Parents conducted the 3.6 Million Couple Holy Marriage Blessing at Washington, D.C.'s Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) Stadium on November 29, 1997. This was the first major Blessing in the United States since 1982 and was an exponential leap beyond the Holy Blessing of 360,000 Couples at Seoul Olympic Stadium in 1995. The '97 Blessing was conducted within the context of the third World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) from November 23-30.

Under the theme, "Rebuilding the Family, Restoring the Community, Renewing Washington," WCSF III featured an array of conferences, sports competitions, concerts, recitals and service projects all of which culminated with the Blessing, billed as "True Love Day at RFK." Couples bussed in from as far away as Chicago. *The Washington Post* set attendance at 40,000, CNN at 45,000 and the Associated Press at 56,000. Other couples took part by "satellite Blessing" at locations throughout the world.

## **November 29, 2011**

**Korean Executives Urged to Implement True  
Father's Teachings**



More than 300  
corporate executives  
from the top 50  
companies in Korea  
gathered on November

22, 2011, for a vision seminar for financial leaders  
titled “God’s Fatherland and the Abel Peace UN.”  
Participants at this seminar, sponsored by the *Segye Ilbo* (*Segye Times*) newspaper and held at the  
Cheongshim International Youth Training Center,  
included heads of companies and executive staff  
members.

True Father spoke to the participants for more than  
three hours, educating with true love. He asked the  
participants, who were sitting at round banquet-style  
tables, to pick up their chairs and come forward and  
huddle at the front of the room. True Father told the  
financial leaders: “Humankind must now humbly  
submit before heaven’s commands. ... The time of  
destiny has come, when we must go all out and make  
a life-or-death determination, following the teachings  
of true love.” He emphasized to the executives the  
urgency of heaven’s current providence.

## November 29, 2012

### True Mother hosts sermon contest

More than 100  
Unificationists gathered  
in an assembly room in  
the Cheon Jeong Gung,  
Gapyeong, South Korea,



for an unprecedented sermon contest organized by the FFWPU Korean Headquarters called “Evangelize for Cheon Il Guk” on November 29, 2012. The purpose of the event was to “resurrect the heart for evangelism” within the Unification movement, reflecting the words of True Mother during a nationwide worship service: “We need to revive the church and become engines of growth by becoming great preachers.”

A total of 22 persons competed, including 15 district pastors, metropolitan-area pastors and the director of the Universal Peace Academy. Each of the contestants was instructed to give a sermon about the heart and mission of True Parents for a total of 10 minutes. Contestants put all their effort into presenting their sermons strongly. Pastor Seung Bae Ma from the Song Buk Church won first prize, Mu Sang Im from the Cheon An Church won second, and In Young Song from the Dae Gu Church won third. True Mother said: “I was moved by your sermons. When you go back to your respective churches, I think it would be good to extend [them]. ... We need these sermons to have an impact on members throughout the week. ... Then we will have a living, breathing and vibrant church.”

## **November 30, 1973**

**“Answer to Watergate” statement published**



The “Watergate Crisis,” which implicated the White House in



a break-in of the Democratic  
Party's National Headquarters  
in 1972, embroiled the United  
States in controversy and

weakened it in the face of communist aggression in  
Vietnam. True Father viewed this as “more than a  
political, social and economic crisis.” He viewed it as  
“a crisis of the human soul” and, because of America’s  
position in the world, as “a crisis for God.” As a  
consequence, he took two weeks off from his 21-City  
Day of Hope speaking tour in late 1973 and returned  
to Korea “in a desperate search for an answer and  
new hope for America.” His conclusion was that  
“God’s command at this crossroads in American  
history is Forgive, Love and Unite!”

True Father’s “Answer to Watergate” statement  
appeared in full-page advertisements purchased in  
newspapers in each of the twenty-one cities of the  
Day of Hope itinerary, including *The New York  
Times* and *The Washington Post*, beginning  
November 30, 1973. Over the next two months, it  
was published in one newspaper in every state  
except Hawaii. In addition, the National Prayer and  
Fast for the Watergate Crisis Committee (NPFWC)  
organized vigils, rallies, letter-writing and leafleting in  
all fifty states to publicize its theme and to obtain  
signatures of people promising to pray and fast for  
the Watergate crisis. At least eight U.S. senators and  
fifty-three U.S. congressmen either signed the  
statement or responded with messages of support.  
Congressman Guy Vander Jagt (R-Michigan) read  
True Father’s Watergate statement into the  
Congressional Record of December 21, 1973.

# November 30 ~ December 6, 1991

## True Parents visit to North Korea begins

True Parents arrived in Pyongyang on November 30, 1991, to begin a visit at the invitation of the North Korean government.



*True Father and Kim Il Sung.*

They visited Kumgang Mountain on December 3 and True Father's hometown, Jeongju, on December 5. Then they had a historic meeting with North Korean leader Kim Il Sung on December 6 at Jusuk Palace in Majeon, Hamheung.

They exchanged a letter of agreement for peaceful unification based on a joint statement that contained ten articles regarding such promises as the hosting of a North Korean–South Korean summit meeting, a peaceful resolution to the issue of North Korea's nuclear armament and the hosting of reunions between the ten million separated Korean family members.

In his statement True Father said, "I am not going to the house of my enemy but rather that of my homeland and that of my brother." He also emphasized that he was visiting North Korea as a messenger of peace and that the homogenous "Korean people should never again engage in a war against each other." (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee.)

December

## December 1, 1970

### Korean Blessed Wives Depart for Three-Year Condition

It had been a tradition of the Korean church for Unificationists to take part in summer and winter 40-day evangelical campaigns, later termed “pioneer witnessing” in Japan. However, on December 1, 1970, one hundred and twenty teams consisting of 1,200 women who had received the Marriage Blessing of the Unification Church went to 120 locations throughout the Korean Peninsula for three years. This necessitated a great deal of sacrifice, and in some instances, mothers placed their children with relatives or even in orphanages.

The purpose of the mobilization was to consolidate the church’s foundation in Korea as a basis for True Parents to launch their global ministry. There was a good deal of public negativity at first, but according to True Father, “After two years passed, public opinion was unanimous that if all the Korean people loved their country as much as [Unificationists], then indeed the nation would be saved.” He noted that Korean Unificationists had “successfully fulfilled their course” and “I could come out of Korea for the worldwide dispensation.”

# December 2, 1990

## First 40-Day Inter-Religious Leadership Seminar for Muslims



*True Parents and the Grand Mufti of Syria.*

Unknown to most, Unificationists had cultivated contacts within the Muslim world since the early 1980s. While conventional mission work was exceedingly difficult, the *Middle East Times* gave the movement a presence in the region. In addition, the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) held a series of six highly successful conferences that brought together Arabs, Israelis, Greeks, and Turks on a variety of topics. On the foundation of these meetings, the Council for the World's Religions convened several conferences of high-level Muslim religious leaders, including the grand muftis of Syria and Yemen.

As a result of several audiences with True Parents, the Grand Mufti of Syria agreed to send forty core followers to New York for a forty-day Inter-Religious Leadership Seminar (IRLS) that included three cycles of the Unification Principle, beginning December 2, 1990. The Grand Mufti of Yemen, along with forty

participants from his country, took part in the second IRLS from April 21 to May 31, 1991. They were followed by separate Egyptian, Jordanian, Turkish and Sudanese groups.

These activities culminated on April 10, 1992, when forty-two Muslim couples took part in a Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony in Seoul, Korea. True Father termed the participation of Muslims in the wedding “a miracle.” In effect, it broke an interreligious barrier, enabling True Parents to extend the Blessing to people other than Unificationists.

## December 4, 1950

### True Father Departs Pyongyang for the South

True Father’s ministry to North Korea, which began in June 1946, ended on December 2, 1950, when he left Pyongyang for the South in advance of the invading Chinese army.



*The North-South Korean border during the Korean War.*

He departed with Won Pil Kim, his “first disciple,” and Jung Hwa Park, a follower from the Heungnam prison camp who had a broken leg and whom True Father alternately carried and pushed on a bicycle on the route south.

True Father had been released from Heungnam on October 14, spent ten days walking to Pyongyang and forty days there seeking former followers, most

of whom he didn't find. Won Pil Kim testified, "As we left Pyongyang ... the city seemed to be totally on fire because of the many secret, confidential documents being burned. As Father looked around, he cried to see the condition of Pyongyang." True Father previously had told them, "I came to make Pyongyang the second Jerusalem, but it rejected me and sent me to prison."

## **December 4, 1977**

### **Washington, D.C., Church Dedicated**

A dedication ceremony  
for the Unification  
Church at 1610  
Columbia Road NW in  
Washington, D.C.,



occurred on December 4, 1977. Two hundred members attended this ceremony, at which True Father spoke on the topic "Let Us Renew Ourselves."

Among other things, True Father said, "We need to know that all heaven and earth, the entire world, and even America is on the path through a process based on providential numbers." The Unification movement purchased the building and property from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and had it remodeled before dedicating it to God.

## **December 4, 2010**

### **Third Cosmic Assembly to Proclaim the Substantial**



The third Cosmic  
Assembly to  
Proclaim the  
Substantial  
Word That Firmly

Establishes the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind was held in Seoul, Korea, on December 4, 2010. The assembly, which began at 2 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary of the Cheong Bok Gung headquarters church, drew three thousand participants, including distinguished social and religious leaders and Ambassadors for Peace.

The purpose of the assembly was to transfer the victorious providential fruit reaped from the rallies in Washington–New York, and Hoover Dam–Las Vegas. True Father spoke as if delivering his final will and testament to all humanity. He said that all people must restore their spirituality, which was lost through the Fall, and that the process of re-creation has to go through three stages as did the original Creation. True Parents signed the written declaration and sounded the peace gong, which marked the conclusion of the first Cain-Abel UPF rally of the third Cosmic Assembly to Proclaim the Substantial Word That Firmly Establishes the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

**December 6, 1991**

**True Parents Meet Kim Il Sung**



*After much preparation, True Parents have a successful meeting with Kim Il Sung.*

True Parents met North Korean President Kim Il Sung on December 6, 1991. Their meeting was the high point of a week-long visit to North Korea that had begun on November 30. It also culminated more than four decades of True Father's public work as he returned to the land of his birth, upbringing and call to ministry. More than that, it encapsulated and vindicated True Parents' life course as they turned a former enemy into a friend. True Father stated on his return:

“No one can claim more justification than I for harboring feelings of ill will against North Korea. I received severe persecution from the current government of North Korea because of my position as a religious leader and my unswerving anticommunist principles. I was tortured harshly and then imprisoned for nearly three years in a labor camp. There I witnessed the deaths of many who also had been imprisoned without cause. ...

Now I have visited North Korea in the spirit of true love. True love is love that loves even that which cannot be loved. ...

As I set foot in Pyongyang, my heart was as clear as the autumn sky. I did not feel that I was entering the house of my enemy, but rather that I was returning to my hometown to visit the house of my brother. I carried with me to North Korea the principle that I have always lived by: that is, to forgive, love and unite.”

Still, it wasn't easy. North Koreans were shocked by the manner and extent to which True Father criticized their ideology. Besides saying, “Juche ideology is not going to work. ... The world is not this small. ... You people are in ... [a] cave,” True Father made several staggering proposals. In one meeting he asked the government officials in the audience to persuade Kim Il Sung to place a large announcement in the North Korean newspaper instructing that the 30,000 to 40,000 spies and agents in the South surrender to Rev. Moon and be instructed in his headwing ideology. In another session, True Father stated that he had to be the initiator and leader of reunification efforts, with Kim Il Sung and South Korean President Roh Tae-woo working as deputies under him.

North Korean officials who had dealt with True Father were fearful of a disastrous encounter with their leader. However, their fears were misplaced. Kim Il Sung directed that True Father's speech at an opening banquet be published in North Korea's only newspaper, *Rodong Shinmun*, and it was, word for word, including all references to God. He also overruled his subordinates and insisted that he wanted not only to meet Rev. Moon but also “to have lunch with him as well.” According to Dr. Bo Hi Pak, “The big man recognized the big man.”

Significantly Kim Il Sung chose to meet True Parents at his Hamheung palace, about one hundred and fifty miles from Pyongyang, near Heungnam. In fact, the route from the state guesthouse to Kim Il Sung's residence passed right by the Heungnam prison and fertilizer plant where True Father had been imprisoned for two years and eight months from 1948 to 1950. Dr. Pak speculated that this was a symbolic apology for earlier mistreatment.

On meeting, True Father and Kim Il Sung gave one another "a big bear hug." Their private 90-minute conference went exceedingly well, with True Father cordially presenting his ideas for Korean reunification and Kim Il Sung reportedly initiating applause and saying "thank you" three times. They exchanged hunting and fishing stories during the two-and-a-half-hour luncheon and afterward strolled hand in hand down a long hallway for official pictures.

The Pyongyang newspaper carried a large front-page photo of them holding hands with big smiles on their faces, something that North Korea experts regarded as extraordinary. Later, the *Segye Ilbo* carried the same photograph. Kim Il Sung reportedly requested True Father to arrange a meeting with U.S. President George H.W. Bush. He also offered True Father first rights to develop North Korea's Diamond Mountains as a tourist area. They both agreed to cooperate in establishing a place where members of separated families could meet and in facilitating the exchange of mail. Kim Il Sung told True Father that he would preserve his birthplace as a shrine and that he was welcome to return any time.

# December 7, 1941

## Japan Attacks Pearl Harbor



On the morning of December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy launched a surprise military attack against the United States naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Japanese sank or damaged all eight U.S. battleships, three **cruisers**, and three **destroyers**. One hundred eighty-eight U.S. aircraft were destroyed; 2,403 Americans were killed and 1,178 others were wounded. The following day, December 8, the United States **declared war** on Japan. President **Franklin D. Roosevelt** proclaimed December 7, 1941, “**a date which will live in infamy.**”

During the war True Father was enrolled in Waseda Koutou Kougakko, a technical engineering school affiliated with Waseda University in Japan, while active in the Korean student underground independence movement. He began his public ministry with the defeat of Japan and independence of Korea in 1945.

## **December 7-9, 1974**

### **San Francisco Bay Area Welcomes “The Day of Hope”**



True Father’s December 7-9, 1974, San Francisco Bay Area Day of Hope tour stop was the greatest success since Madison Square

Garden. The December 7 kickoff banquet, held at the Fairmont Hotel, brought out 1,160 San Franciscans. A letter of welcome from California Governor Ronald Reagan was read, and proclamations were announced from San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, San Leandro, Concord, Burlingame, San Mateo, Stockton, Menlo Park and Hayward. The city of Oakland proclaimed December 9 as Sun Myung Moon Day and presented True Father with a tie tack and cuff links in the shape of an oak tree.

The December 9 talk brought 5,000 people to the 3,200-seat San Francisco Opera House, with the overflow directed to the Municipal Auditorium a block away.

## **December 7, 2002**

### **National Blessing for Reconciliation**





*The Interreligious and International World Peace Blessing and Marriage Rededication Ceremony.*

True Parents conducted an “Interreligious and International World Peace Blessing and Marriage Rededication Ceremony” on December 7, 2002. It was the fourth in a series of clergy and interreligious blessings conducted during that year. This Holy Marriage Blessing, also referred to as the “National Blessing for Reconciliation,” marked the 61st anniversary of the Japanese bombing raid on Pearl Harbor. It included some 300 Japanese leaders who expressed their wish for reconciliation among former enemy nations.

More than 1,200 couples filled the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Arlington, Virginia, which was the main Blessing venue. The Rev. Dr. E.V. Hill, a nationally famous pastor and friend of presidents, participated and said in his public remarks, “God meant for me to be with you. All races and religions are here. I am meant to be with you and know you and become your brother.” There was a reconciliation ceremony for three representatives of the Abrahamic faiths and others for representatives of the communist and democratic worlds, white and black pastors, and for Native Americans. It was noteworthy that American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) pastors formed a highly effective outreach team in supporting the Holy Marriage Blessing.

## **December 9, 1969**

### **Korean Cultural Foundation established**



The Korean Cultural Foundation was established in Seoul on December 9, 1969, in order to support the

Little Angels, who had been enhancing the nation's prestige by promoting Korean culture around the world.

In obedience to True Parents' instructions, Korean elders created a foundation to manage the Little Angels. They obtained permission from the Ministry of Culture in December 1969. The Little Angels troupe has visited more than seventy nations, performing more than six thousand times, and, acting as an emissary of peace, has met top-level leaders in more than fifty nations. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee.)

## **December 9, 1993**

### **True Mother's first speech in South America**





The first-ever speech of True Mother in South America took place at the Naun Plaza Hotel in Brasilia, Brazil, on December 9, 1993. At this speech, part of True Mother's "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age Tour," the president of Brazil's Congresso Nacional warmly welcomed her. She spoke about the importance of the mother's role in the Completed Testament Age, and the audience responded with warm applause. The South American leg of her speaking tour continued through Montevideo, Uruguay, on December 10, Buenos Aires, Argentina, on December 11, and Lima, Peru, on December 13. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee.)

## December 10, 2013

**True Mother and Korean FFWPU Aid Typhoon-Afflicted Philippines**



Super Typhoon Haiyan—one of the strongest storms recorded on the planet—smashed into the

Philippines on November 8, 2013. The deadliest **Philippine typhoon** recorded in modern history, it killed at least 6,300 people. The international community responded generously with monetary aid and aid workers. One Unificationist city leader was killed and 100 members in the Philippines' central region were left homeless.

After hearing reports about the situation in the Philippines on November 15, True Mother gave a direction that one million dollars should be sent to the Philippines, and the Korean Family Church designated November 17 as a "Day to Support Members in the Philippines," fasting in the morning and kicking off a campaign to collect donations and relief supplies until December 10. Korean FFWPU President Kyeng Seuk Lu visited the Philippines, bringing with him 200,000 dollars in donations collected by Korean church members and delivering a message of encouragement. More than 5,000 Philippine church members who had participated in international marriage blessings were living in Korea, and another 7,000 in Japan.

## **December 11, 1964**

**German Unification Church legally registered**



The German Unification Church was the first to be established in

*Rev. and Mrs. Peter Koch in Mauny, France, May 1978. To the right, Rev. Reiner Vincenz, spiritual son of Rev. Koch.*

Europe, and its  
founding is  
considered also  
to be the  
beginning of the

European church.

The roots of the European and German church go back to 1961, when several Germans who lived in the United States joined under Dr. Young Oon Kim in San Francisco. After three years, several returned to their home country.

The first was Peter Koch, who arrived on June 11, 1963, in his hometown of Muenster, Germany.

Following him were Ursula Schuhmann, Barbara Koch (Vincenz), Paul and Christel Werner with their 11-year-old son, Klaus, Elke Klawiter, and Peter Politzki.

The first member who joined in Germany was Reiner Vincenz, who joined in the summer of 1964.

## **December 11, 1971**

### **True Parents Arrive in America**

Accompanied by Mrs.  
Won Bok Choi, Rev.  
Young Hwi Kim  
(president, HSA-UWC  
Korea) and Mr.



Mitsuharu Ishii (director, HSA-UWC Business Enterprises, Japan), True Parents arrived in Los Angeles, California, on December 11, 1971, to begin a new phase in their global ministry. However, things did not go smoothly: They were denied visas,

ironically, because of alleged communist affiliations. As a consequence, the group flew to Toronto, Canada, the next day.

This problem was straightened out over the following week, thanks to high-level contacts that U.S.

Unificationists had cultivated through the Freedom Leadership Foundation (FLF). Cleared to enter the United States, True Parents arrived in Washington, D.C., on December 18. It was there that True Father announced his plan to hold revival meetings in major U.S. cities. As the Unification Church in America to this point consisted of disparate missionary groups, it is appropriate to date the birth of the church in America from True Parents' arrival. And since True Father had not spoken publicly either in Korea or Japan, the birth of the U.S. church coincided with the beginning of a new phase in his public ministry.

## December 11, 1985

### True Father Returns to Korea after Danbury



*True Father delivers the Citizens' Federation Founder's Address.*

The "Danbury Course" was decisive in sparking widespread grassroots support for True Father across the United States from minority communities and those concerned about

religious and civil liberties. In fact, a broad spectrum of 1,600 clergy and prominent laypeople welcomed True Father back from prison at a "God and Freedom"

banquet held in his honor at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.

A similar event occurred in Korea on December 11, 1985, when some 2,300 dignitaries from a diversity of fields, including a former prime minister of the Republic of Korea, attended a welcoming banquet at the Hilton Hotel Convention Center to pay tribute to the conclusion of True Father's 40-year ministry and to welcome him back to his homeland. Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone of Japan and five former presidents of Latin American countries presented gifts and plaques of appreciation.

From this point, True Parents initiated activities in Korea through the Korean Root-Finding Association, the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland, the *Segye Ilbo* newspaper, business investments and cultural work that would culminate in his meeting with North Korean President Kim Il Sung in 1991.

## December 13, 2004

### Fifth Crown of Peace Ceremony held



The Unification Church conducted six major "Peace King" coronations, also

referred to as "crown of

peace" ceremonies, from 2003-05. These were undertaken as sequels to the January 13, 2001 "Coronation of God's Kingship" and held for the

purpose of substantiating “heavenly kingship” on earth.

The first of these was a coronation of Jesus as “King of Peace” in Jerusalem as part of the Middle East Peace Initiative on December 22, 2003. This was followed by a second coronation of Jesus in Washington, D.C. on February 4, 2004 at which time crowns also were presented to True Parents represented by their son Hyun Jin and his wife. A third crown of peace coronation of True Parents was conducted at the Dirksen Senate Office Building on March 23, 2004. A fourth “crown of peace” coronation was conducted in the Korean National Assembly Library on August 20, 2004.

Afterwards, True Father directed that the Unification Church conduct blessing registration and “crown of peace” ceremonies in forty nations and on all six continents by the end of 2004. This culminated in a fifth “crown of peace” ceremony in Washington, D.C. on December 13, 2004. True Father delivered his speech, “Our Mission in the Last Days of Providential History” to more than 3,400 leaders from around the world. A sixth and final “crown of peace” ceremony was conducted at Cheong Pyeong Lake in Korea on February 14, 2005.

## **December 14, 1973**

**Unificationists support National Christmas Tree**

**Lighting, meet Nixon**

True Father issued his “Answer

Will You Pray With Us?



to Watergate” on November 30, 1973. He then organized the National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis Committee (NPFWC), which organized vigils, rallies, letter-writing and leafleting in all 50 states in accordance with its “Forgive, Love, Unite” theme.



A highlight was the December 1973 National Christmas Tree Lighting at which President Richard Nixon turned on the lights of a new permanent national Christmas tree near the White House. According to one press account, the president “was greeted by several thousand wildly cheering young supporters who carried signs that read ‘God Loves America. God Loves Nixon. Support the President.’”

Unificationists gathered later that evening at Lafayette Park across from the White House for a candlelight rally during which President Nixon emerged from the White House and crossed over to the park with a security escort to greet and thank them. NPFWC President Neil Salonen presented the president with a poster-size Christmas card and a huge candle which he told the president was big enough to burn for the duration of his term.

## **December 15, 1980**

### **CAUSA International Providence Begins in Bolivia**



True Father launched  
CAUSA International in



*Shortly after its launch, CAUSA holds a workshop for students in Bolivia.*

1980, when he asked Dr. Bo Hi Pak to visit political leaders of countries in South America and offer a unique form of

assistance both in the defense against communism and in bringing about a renaissance of morality and virtue. At the same time, True Father selected a group of graduates of the Unification Theological Seminary—including Thomas Ward, William Selig, Beatriz Gonzalez, Juan Sanchis, Jean Jonet and Paul Perry—to study intensively with Dr. Sang Hun Lee in preparation for offering programs patterned after Dr. Lee's Victory over Communism presentations. The threat of further communist inroads into the Americas, following the fall of Nicaragua to the Sandinistas in 1979, was a driving force behind the development of CAUSA. True Father took this situation seriously enough to cancel his 60th birthday celebration—normally an important occasion in Oriental tradition—in favor of CAUSA preparation.

The first country to request onsite CAUSA training was Bolivia. On December 15, 1980, U.S.-based CAUSA lecturers traveled to a tiny hamlet in the mountains of Bolivia to lecture to 45 students who previously had been indoctrinated in Marxist theory. Prior to their departure, True Father guided the lecturers, telling them:

The CAUSA movement is an ideological movement, not an academic one. If you don't bring about a revolution in people's heart and character, you will have failed. To bring the revolution, you have to move their hearts. Don't

just lecture but revive people's souls. Prepare for a two-hour talk by praying for six hours. What I'm saying is, use spiritual power to bring about a reformation in the people. You should take leftist sympathizers and make brave VOC fighters out of them.

The overwhelming success of the 10-day program led to seminars in Paraguay, Uruguay, Chile, Argentina and Brazil. The CAUSA providence greatly expanded in the years ahead to the remainder of South America, Central America and the United States.

## **December 18, 1971**

**True Parents Arrive in Washington, D.C.**



*The Kennedy Center is where the Little Angels played the day they greeted True Father in Washington, D.C.*

Having been denied visas on arriving in Los Angeles on December 11, 1971, because of alleged “communist affiliations,” True Parents traveled to Toronto, Canada. There, due to the intervention of U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond (R-SC), who was familiar

with True Father's Victory over Communism work, their situation was clarified and they arrived in Washington, D.C., on December 18.

Dr. Bo Hi Pak, who welcomed True Parents, stated that it "pained" him that he and others had not made "the necessary social and political preparations" for True Parents. However, it comforted him that the Little Angels were scheduled to perform that very night at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and they were all at the airport to greet True Parents. True Father, he said, "was extremely pleased with this unexpected welcome."

That night, True Parents' party sat in the VIP section of the balcony at the Kennedy Center. Dr. Pak noted, "More than a hundred senators, congressmen and other notables were there with their families, including Sen. J.W. Fulbright [D-Ark], Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird, and several other Cabinet-level officials." There were ambassadors from around a hundred countries, he said, with more than 2,200 people in the sold-out crowd. Dr. Pak commented, "In a symbolic sense, the Little Angels' invitational performance was a welcoming banquet held in celebration of Reverend Moon's arrival in America that day. ... It could also be said that Reverend Moon was the real host of that performance." At the conclusion, Dr. Pak introduced True Father as the Little Angels' founder and invited everyone to welcome him with a round of applause.

According to Dr. Pak, "the leading figures from all walks of life in the United States were receiving the Lord for the first time and, symbolically, were giving him an enthusiastic welcome."

## December 18, 1998

### "Realizing the Interfaith Ideal: Action beyond Dialogue" conference begins

The Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP) sponsored an important conference, "Realizing the Interfaith Ideal: Action beyond Dialogue," in Washington, D.C., from December 18 to 20, 1998. The "concept for the conference," according to its coordinator, Dr. Frank Kaufmann, "revolved around an initiative for religious leaders to work formally with the United Nations." Dr. Kaufmann described the response of UN representatives present as "gratifying" in that they acknowledged the conference initiative to be "inspired, timely, necessary and doable."



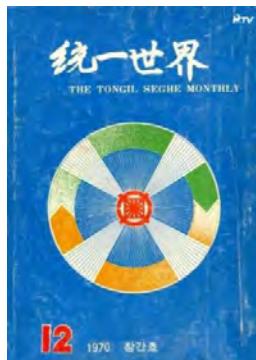
*True Father speaks at the IRFWP conference.*

True Father's banquet address at *The Washington Times* expanded on the UN theme. He stated, "The path to world peace will be incomplete if we rely merely on the political, economic and military functions of the United Nations. ... The more internal and spiritual aspects can be reached only through religious teaching and through the unity and united actions of the world's religions." The conference was significant in that it planted the seed for True Father's

call for “a religious assembly, or council of religious representatives, within the structure of the United Nations” less than two years later at Assembly 2000.

## December 20, 1970

### *Tongil Segye* begins publication



The church headquarters first published the monthly magazine *Tongil Segye* on December 20, 1970. Its registration number at the South Korean Ministry of Culture and Public Information

was Ra 1388. True Father congratulated them on publishing *Tongil Segye* and wrote its name (統一世界) in calligraphy. As the monthly magazine of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, *Tongil Segye* has featured pictures from major events, True Parents' messages, feature articles, interviews and reports, church news, and articles contributed by members. In doing so, it has been leading the culture of heart that the Unification Church aims to realize. Its current issue is the 524th, and it has a standing history of 45 years. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee.)

## December 20, 2001

### World Summit of Muslim Leaders



Former President of Indonesia, Abdurrahman Wahid, met with True Father at the World Summit of Muslim Leaders.

A little more than a month after the tragic events of 9/11, True Father hosted Assembly 2001, “Global Violence: Crisis and Hope,” in New York City from October 19 to 22, 2001.

It convened 380 political and religious leaders from 101 nations. During the

conference, True Father met with Abdurrahman Wahid, the former president of Indonesia and longtime head of the Nahdlatul Ulama, the largest independent Muslim organization in the world. True Father also met with Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan and urged the two to work together.

A month later at a breakfast meeting with Unificationist leaders, True Father suddenly insisted, “Muslims should hold a peace meeting before the end of the year. Ask H.E. Wahid and Minister Farrakhan if they will convene such a conference. I will help if needed.” Dr. Frank Kaufmann reported, “Within 22 days, 180 Muslim leaders from 51 countries sat in the ballroom of the newly opened JW Marriott Jakarta to welcome speakers for the opening plenary of the World Summit of Muslim Leaders discussing Islam and a future world of peace.” Minister Farrakhan and H.E. Wahid acted as co-conveners ably supported by IRFWP staff. Amid the confusion and retaliatory “war on terror,” True Father was constant in his emphasis on interreligious and international cooperation. This was evident in the Middle East

Peace Initiative (MEPI) organized by the Universal Peace Federation and associated peace efforts in the post 9/11 era.

## December 21, 1973

### True Father's Watergate Statement Read into the Congressional Record

The Unification movement's National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis Committee (NPFWC) organized vigils, rallies, letter-writing and leafleting in all fifty states to publicize its theme and to obtain signatures of people promising to pray and fast for the Watergate crisis.



Eight U.S. senators and fifty-three U.S. congressmen either signed True Father's Watergate Statement, "Forgive, Love, Unite," or responded with messages of support. Congressman Guy Vander Jagt (R-Michigan) read True Father's statement into the *Congressional Record* of December 21, 1973.

## December 22, 1983

### Heung Jin Moon in Car Accident



Moon, True Parents' second son, was critically injured in a car accident on Route 9 just north of Poughkeepsie, New York, on December 22, 1983.

He was traveling south from Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown with two companions when a tractor-trailer jackknifed on an icy stretch of road and collided with the Honda Civic that Heung Jin was driving.

Though seriously injured, his two friends survived because, as they testified, Heung Jin swerved the car at the last moment to take the brunt of the impact himself and save them. Heung Jin suffered massive head injuries and lingered in a coma for ten days before expiring at 1:18 a.m. on January 2, 1984. He was seventeen. By all accounts, he was an exemplary son. Rev. Moon described him as “the most exemplary, obedient son, with the greatest piety ... the most comforting son to Mother and me.”

True Parents were out of the country at the time of the accident, conducting a series of Victory over Communism rallies in Korea. A number of spiritualists had communicated to them that December 1983 was a “very dangerous time” and that True Father “must absolutely be careful.” True Father later testified that at the last rally in Kwangju, a left-leaning city with a reputation for rebelliousness, 36 terrorists were prepared to attack but were prevented from doing so because “the auditorium was already completely packed by the time they arrived.” With another 5,000 people outside, they “had absolutely no way to enter.” During True Father’s speech in Kwangju, Heung Jin

Nim's accident occurred. According to True Father,  
“Satan lost his condition to attack me and then  
turned his attention to the next best, my second son.”

## December 22, 2003

### Peace King Coronation of Jesus



*A rally was held at Jerusalem's Peace Park.*

True Parents set important conditions, centered on the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC), for the reconciliation of the Abrahamic faith traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. In 2003, True Father called upon Christian clergy to “exchange the cross for a crown” as a foundation for traveling to the Holy Land and reconciling with their Jewish brethren. Some 131 members of the clergy did so and went to Jerusalem, where they met a like number of Israeli rabbis and jointly signed the Jerusalem Declaration, which repented for “dark parts of our past” and sought a “bright future” together.

Dozens of subsequent pilgrimages were conducted as part of the “Middle East Peace Initiative” (MEPI). True Father called for a “major providential

mobilization” centering on December 22 as an Interreligious and International Day of Prayer for Peace in the Middle East. The day’s centerpiece was a rally at Jerusalem’s Peace Park which included a coronation of Jesus.

For Unificationists, this was a condition that “the chosen people of Israel embraced and welcomed Jesus and crowned him as the King of Peace,” an action that “reversed all that occurred 2,000 years ago.” Two Muslims presented a Jewish professor with a golden menorah as a symbol of reconciliation with the Jews. After that, Christian leaders presented a robe to a Muslim representative, symbolizing the confirmation that Muhammad is God’s prophet. Michael Jenkins, the rally’s master of ceremonies, proclaimed, “Jesus, Moses and Muhammad are one. The era of conversion is over, and the Era of the Peace Kingdom is now realized.”

## **December 23, 1992**

### **True Mother’s Beijing Rally**



True Mother’s  
Beijing Rally was  
held in  
commemoration  
of the  
establishment of

the Women’s Federation for World Peace on December 23, 1992, in the Great Hall of the People. True Mother gave a speech titled “Women’s Role in World Peace,” the first Korean woman to give a

speech in the Great Hall. Four hundred members of the Wives' Association of the Great China listened attentively.

On the 22nd, the day before the event, True Mother met Deng Pufang, the eldest son of Deng Xiaoping, who at the time was the most powerful political figure in China, and discussed about mutual cooperation between the two nations. (Courtesy of the History Compilation Committee.)

## December 26, 1981

### First God Conference begins

The first God Conference, entitled “God: The Contemporary Discussion,” was held from December 26 to



31, 1981 on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Dr. Frederick Sontag, distinguished professor of philosophy at the University of Pomona and author of *Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church* (Abingdon, 1977), suggested the conference as an “internal” equivalent of the annual International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS). The conference attracted 170 participants from 33 countries and all major religions traditions. Seventy-five papers were presented, twenty-two of which were selected for inclusion in a resulting book, *God: The Contemporary Discussion* (1982).

The Youth Seminar on World Religions (YSWR)

emerged out of the first God Conference. From 1982 to 1984 it sponsored annual seven-week around-the-world pilgrimages to sites associated with the religious traditions of Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Unificationism for 150 students and professors. This expanded the movement's ecumenical and inter-religious network and involved religious scholars of the highest rank, including Huston Smith, author of *The World's Religions* and one of the country's foremost authorities on world faiths, who with his wife co-chaired the first two Youth Seminars and served as chair of the fourth God Conference.

## **December 27, 1973**

### **Little Angels Benefit Performance at the United Nations**



True Father conceived the idea of forming a Korean children's dance troupe "as a means of promoting world peace and sharing the Korean culture throughout the world." He asked Dr. Bo Hi Pak to take responsibility for assembling the group. Dr. Pak agreed, and he traveled back and forth between the

United States and Korea in developing the “Little Angels” from 1962 to 1964.

The Little Angels’ inaugural tour of the United States in 1965 was difficult, and in many cases “the performers outnumbered the audience.” However, their tours were increasingly successful, and by 1971 they had performed on national television, at the 1968 Summer Olympic Games at Mexico City, and before numerous heads of state including U.S. President Richard Nixon and President Park Chung-hee of the Republic of Korea, as well as at a Royal Command Performance before Queen Elizabeth II, who broke with protocol by receiving the performers and greeting each of them, escorted by Dr. Pak.

On December 27, 1973, the United Nations opened its General Assembly Hall for the first time for a cultural performance, a gala benefit for UNICEF by the Little Angels. The *New York Times* reviewer wrote, “Judging from the standing ovation the children received, their performance of sometimes exotic national dance to music played on replicas of ancient Korean instruments has a universal appeal.” True Parents also received a standing ovation when they were introduced as The Little Angels’ founders.

## December 28, 2001

### Letter from God



True Father  
understood *Cheon Il*  
*Guk* to be the nation



of cosmic peace and  
unity. As such, it

encompassed not only the visible world but the totality of creation, both physical and spiritual. As he expressed it, “The world has entered an age in which the spirit world and physical world can become one and communicate freely with each other.”

Communication with the spirit world was nothing new to the Unification movement. In fact, since 1935 when he encountered and experienced a divine call from Jesus, True Father had carried on a ministry to spirit world in parallel with his ministry on earth. For most of that time this was not a matter of public knowledge. With the proclamation of *Cheon Il Guk* this changed. True Father insisted that messages from the spirit world be disseminated as widely as possible.

The most prominent of these was “The Cloud of Witnesses,” a collection of messages which derived from “seminars” in the spirit world, initially for four religious founders (Jesus, Buddha, Confucius and Muhammad) and subsequently for leaders in their traditions as well as for famous communists. The “Cloud of Witnesses” messages culminated in a “Letter from God,” addressed to “My beloved True Parent” and dated December 28, 2001. If True Father’s lifelong goal was “to melt the block of ice frozen in the heart of God,” the letter indicated that he had succeeded.

God, who self-identified as “Jehovah, the God of all humankind,” stated: “My gratitude and appreciation for you is beyond words. The word ‘love’ is inadequate to express My feelings. ... I want to embrace you in My bosom and never let you go! I would carry you on

My back and never let your feet touch the ground! I would hold you, and we would talk together all night long.” Apart from this, God validated True Father’s position, stating, “You have been victorious on every level and have restored to its proper position everything that had fallen. ... Hence, Jehovah, the God of all humankind, hereby bestows upon His beloved True Parent the title King of all kings.” The Unification Church subsequently published “The Cloud of Witnesses” and “Letter from God” in space purchased from leading newspapers in all fifty states.

## **December 29, 2005**

### **International Cross-Cultural (*Gyocha*) Marriage Blessing Ceremony**



True Parents conducted a *Gyocha*, “cross-cultural” Marriage Blessing between all cultures, races and religions on December 29, 2005. True Father also opened the gate for all who were blessed but lost their spouse due to divorce to be re-blessed. Grace was opened for all. True Father matched second-generation Unificationist couples and first-generation

Unificationist couples and gave the responsibility to all continental directors of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) to heal the families through matching of previously blessed couples with one another and allowing them to be blessed. The *Gyocha* Blessing of 1,147 Couples was conducted at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center.

## **December 31, 1964**

### **Holy Ground Providence Begins**



True Father pursued the Holy Ground providence between December 31, 1964, and January 4, 1966. He said that the establishment of the Holy Grounds had to involve three different years and that the re-creation of the substance of the word and the beginning of the standard of heart could be achieved centering on them. Another purpose was to connect Korea to the world through the exchange of earth and stones. True Father took earth and stones from seven

Holy Grounds in Korea on December 31, 1964, and January 1, 1965, and prepared to travel overseas. He proceeded to establish 120 Holy Grounds in 40 nations, including 55 in the United States.

## December 31, 1976

### *The News World Begins Publication*

Creation of a media network was not originally part of True Father's thinking or planning for the



American mission. However, the print and electronic media increasingly vilified his work. This created a climate of extreme hostility and frustrated the Unification Church's witnessing efforts. True Father, in turn, recognized the "awesome power" of the media "to create or to destroy."

Therefore, in October 1976, he assembled a dozen or so Unificationists with journalism degrees and "set the deadline" for producing the first issue of a new daily newspaper in New York City on December 31, the last day of the United States' bicentennial year. The vision of ushering in the United States' third century "with a new era of modern journalism" was compelling. Nevertheless, according to one account, "It seemed impossible to start a daily newspaper literally from scratch, using inexperienced people, in dilapidated offices, in less than three months." Still, "second-hand desks and typewriters were purchased," and in November "the few who had

journalism degrees ... gave the first staff of about sixty a crash course in journalism.” On December 31, the presses rolled early in the morning and the first issue of *The News World* hit the streets of New York.

Replete with a color photograph featured each morning on the front page and a motto that described it as “New York’s oldest daily color newspaper,” *The News World* was a twenty-four-page general-interest daily with a staff of 200, the bulk of whom were Unificationists. It was eventually housed in the former Tiffany Building on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, which Unificationists purchased.

*The News World* was the only paper to publish during the New York City power blackout of 1977 and during a later three-month newspaper strike, when its circulation soared to 400,000 daily. The paper’s boldest move was to predict a “[Ronald] Reagan Landslide” in a banner headline on Election Day, November 4, 1980, followed by an equally large banner headline the following day which read, “Thank God! We Were Right!”

The News World gave birth to several other New York papers, including *Noticias Del Mundo*, a Korean-language daily, a Harlem weekly, and a press service, Free Press International. It later changed its name to *New York City Tribune* and eventually gave way to the media network’s flagship newspaper, *The Washington Times*.