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## My Father's Work: Dream of Building One Family Under God

Hyun Jin Nim's Speech on 5/16 at the International Conference in Washington D.C.

Thank you very much. It is a great honor that we have the opportunity to be able to welcome such distinguished panels of experts of the wide range of fields from politics to academia. It is a legacy that is initiated by my parents. In one sense, I am the second generation of that initiative. This started as a mission starting from his very very young age. This year, we are able to celebrate the 88th year of my father. (applause) Thank you very much.

He has been working for the mission for the sake of humanity since he was a young boy of fifteen when Jesus came to him deep in his prayers, and appointed him, anointed him, and approved him in carrying on this work to bring human family together. It is the dream envisioned throughout history that great man and woman ponder in the depth of human existence and ask the question: "What is it that we should spark to?" The call is to build one family under God, which reached our ears and hearts. Even though no one told us, this must be true. It is resonated with each one of us. I can tell you as a son, the hardest person to convert. It is not a power of conversion that brings me in front of you to give a testimony to my father's work. I am a legacy of my father's work: the dream of building One Family Under God.

I had an opportunity to meet a distinguished son of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We had a tremendous dinner last night. We talked about what his father was doing and what my father was doing, which is divine providence. We talked about individual human natures, etc. In the Book of Genesis, we read the story of Adam and Eve, and then later in their children we see the seed of conflict, seed of destruction, which happened in the first family. Thus, my father always believes that the way to true peace is to restore the family. But the family can be truly restored only by connected with our divine heavenly father, God. That is the model "One Family Under God Aju."

When we think about the most intimate relationships, we think in the familiar term. When

we look at your friend how close he is, we do not say, "He is my best, best, best friend." We say, "He is like my brother," or "She is like my sister," or "He is like my father," or "He is like my son." We put things in a familiar contact because those are the most important, intimate relationships. Think about the possibility of that.

If we are able to take out our potential: our potential being in America, a Korean, or Japanese, or a black man or white man, or a Christian, Moslem, or Jew, and still naked before human and God, and look at each other, we are One Family. We have one root which comes from my divine heavenly father, God. If we are able to look at each other as brothers and sisters, how could there be wars? How could there be conflicts? The mission of the Universal Peace Federation is to resonate deeply in my heart, and all of you are owners of, and I too am an owner of.

We gathered here in the capital of this great nation of America, my adopted home. I came to this nation when I was 4 years old. And I remember going to American school systems, and being taught the American dream. To me, the American dream was not an economic dream. To me, American dream was not a political dream. I believe the fathers of this great nation, all immigrants, came and built this nation in the status of its greatness. To them and myself, this nation represents the dream of building "the city on the hill," the God-centered nation. When we go to the Declaration of Independence, there is a mention of God in the Universal Law. Those are the principles of the founding fathers' stand. The Declaration of Independence was decided in 13 colonies, republic new nation. At that time, America was not richest, mightiest, strongest nation in the world. It was a colony of desperate groups. In the first amendment, they mentioned the freedom of religion. America involved in a new journey of creating the first nation of interfaith. That recognized the importance of community of the faithful, not community of one denomination. They can stand together and be proud of this great nation of America. I believe the interfaith

tradition of America can be once again. If we can establish the interfaith, we can be a guiding line of this time of trial. I believe that if religious leadership of this nation can go back to the true ideals of interfaith vision, come together upon the common values as faith leaders, that there is one God, and that needs to be one God-centered family, then, America, we find the soul.

As an Asian man living in this nation, whose father happens to be Rev. Sun Myung Moon, many times misunderstood religious leader, I can tell you frankly my father did not come to create a religion. He came as a man inspired by God, called by God, to fulfill the will that has inspired all humanity, which is to build One Family under God. I believe this nation has a providential role, as it was the first nation built on that principle of uniting all religious traditions in this great nation, and set the model of the world. I know most of you come from abroad, and we heard a lot of things about America. But

Americans are great and good people because they are faithful people. I hope you have an opportunity to see the true faith of America. This is God's nation, and America still has a role to play in this millennium. The 20th century was the Atlantic era, and we have seen tremendous wars and conflicts during that century. The 21st century centering upon America can be the Pacific Era where three-fourths of world population live. If we bring the message of One Family Under God to this corner of the world, why can't world peace come about?

As a chairman of this conference, I want to express my gratitude to your participation. I urge you to have heated and lived conversations. I am sure you will do in terms of your commitment and involvement. As a chairman of news world communication, I welcome you to this great city of Washington D.C., and hope your time here will be a great experience. Thank you very much. (From the Peace TV)

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## 私の父の仕事：神の下の一大家族社会の建設の夢

5月16日のワシントン国際会議での顕進様のスピーチ

ありがとうございます。このような政界から学界まで広い分野における卓越した専門家の皆様を歓迎できることを光栄に思います。これは私の両親が主導してきた遺産です。ある意味で、私はその運動の二世です。この運動は、父のとてもとても若いときに天の「召命」として始まりました。そして今年、私たちは、私の父の88歳を祝うことができました。(拍手) ありがとうございます。

私の父が15歳の少年のときにイエス様が深い祈禱の中で現れ、人類を一大家族にするこの仕事を成し遂げるにおいて父を指名し、任命、聖別し、承認したときから、父は人類のためにこの召命の道を歩んできました。それは、聖人賢哲が人類存在の深みにおいて考え抜いて、私たちがスパークすべきものが何なのかという質問を尋ね求めた、

歴史を通して心に抱いてきた「夢」なのです。その召命とは、私たちの耳や心にも届く「神の下の一大家族」の理想です。たとえ誰もが何も言わなかったとしても、それは真実に違いありません。それは私たち一人一人の心に共鳴しています。私は、息子—それは往々にしてもっとも改宗させにくい者—として皆さんにお伝えします。私は、改宗の力によって、皆さんの前に現れ、私の父の仕事に対して証しているのではありません。私は私の父の仕事「神の下の一大家族」の遺産なのです。

私は、キング牧師の卓越した息子さんに会う機会を持ちました。そして昨日、すばらしい夕食の時を持ちました。私たちはキング牧師が行っていたことを話し、私の父が行っていたことを話しました。それは神の摂理です。私たちは人間個々人