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Marching Towards Cheon Il Guk

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Asia Pacific Summit 2018-Nepal was a giant leap toward the substantial realization of Cheon Il Guk. True Mother told us, "We should be able to restore at least seven nations by 2020 and meet God with such a standard." By a mysterious coincidence, seven heads of state or government participated in the Asia Pacific Summit, welcomed True Mother and received her bold declaration as "the only daughter of God" in the Opening Session in front of two thousand leaders from forty-five nations without opposition. Vijay Jolly, a respected senior leader of India's governing party, had ably paved the way for True Mother by introducing her as "the divine daughter of the Divine God guiding humanity."

The victory of the Summit in Nepal came on True Parents' foundation and our leaders and members' sincere investment and sacrifice over many years. God prepared the Nepalese people for this time, their spirit of loyalty and filial piety is no less than the Koreans'. Whenever True Parents visit Nepal, they are attended as national guests. This time, the treatment True Mother received from the government was equal to that afforded a head of state.

In fact, she received the grandest welcome of all the heads of state that arrived in Nepal. Not only did a former prime minister of Nepal, the chairman of the Invitation Committee, Madhav Kumar Nepal, and the minister of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Rabindra Adhikari, greet her at the airport but five thousand members and students lined the street all the way to the hotel waving flags and cheering loudly as True Mother's car passed by.


Nepalese people love True Parents. They recognize that the Nepal Peace Process ending ten years of Communist revolution and civil war began with True Parents' first visit to Nepal in 2005 and that UPF's peace initiatives supported that long and often weary process. The Nepal Family Party was also instrumental in formulating the new constitution based on democratic principles.

More than ten thousand ambassadors for peace, including prime ministers and former prime ministers, government officials and many religious and NGO leaders received education in True Parents' philosophy of peace through weekly Divine Principle lectures aired via both a national broadcasting station and a local station aiming to reach the entire Nepalese population. Even though Hindu fundamentalists oppose us, these peace ambassadors stand strong and build a wall of protection around us.

Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli, prime minister of Nepal, who had invited the attending heads of state and government, personally oversaw the preparations for the summit and attended four of the summit events. This was unprecedented!

The Summit Opening Plenary, chaired by Nepal's prime minister was attended by Hun Sen, prime minister of Cambodia, Aung San Su Kyi, state counsellor of Myanmar and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Baron Waqa, president of Nauru, and his highness Afioga Sualauvi, head of state of Samoa. Iakoba Taeia Italeli, president of Tuvalu, and Leni Robredo, vice president of the Philippines, twelve former prime ministers or presidents, three hundred members of Parliament and fifty prominent religious leaders made it the greatest event in the history of Nepal and of our movement. In his speech, Prime Minister Oli praised True Mother's leadership and expressed his gratitude for her choosing Nepal as a venue for the Asia-Pacific Summit.

The highlight of the summit was the blessing ceremony True Mother officiated for four thousand five hundred people, including heads of state or government, seven hundred mayors and their spouses, other local government officials and more than two thousand peace ambassadors. These mayors and deputy mayors from all of Nepal's seven states had received Divine Principle and blessing education at the prime minister's invitation during the mayors' conferences a month earlier, during which they resolved to launch the International Mayors' Association for Peace (IMAP). Their blessing represents the blessing of the entire people of Nepal. True Mother said, "I hope that all of you who are blessed as leaders will be the light and radiant lamp of the world as the blessing by Heavenly Parent is shared in Nepal, which is closest to Heaven." Now, Asia has become "Heavenly Asia Pacific" through True Mother's declaration. True Mother also blessed Nepal as "Heavenly Nepal" during the victory celebration.

With True Mother's blessing and unwavering support, the Asia Pacific region will now march forward to fulfill Heavenly Parent and True Parents' dream of substantiating Cheon Il Guk in seven nations by 2020. 

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God's Hope for Humanity Part 2

Father gave this speech on October 20, 1973, at Lisner Auditorium, George Washington University in Washington, DC, on a twenty-one city speaking tour of the United States, one of several U. S. tours in 1973 and 1974.





This picture was taken during a speaking tour in the city of Des Moines in the US State of Iowa. True Parents went on numerous speech tours of the United States in the 1970s in order to revive the nation and awaken the American people to God's will in the modern day.

Let me make another analogy. Let's say there is a most handsome man and a most beautiful woman. They are not only attractive, but also all-powerful and all wise. You would be anxious to have some kind of personal relationship with this great man and woman. What would you want it to be?

Would you like to be their servant? No, in your heart you know there is a position better than that of servant. Would you like to be their friend? No, you would still not be happy. Would you like to be their adopted child? Will this position bring you complete happiness? No, I don't think so. You would still crave a closer position. There is one relationship beyond which there is nothing more intimate. That is to become a true son or daughter of this man and woman. With this relationship you will have reached the ultimate fulfillment, and you cannot desire anything more.

Why, then, do we want to become true sons and daughters? It is because that is the position in which we receive this man and woman's love most fully. There is no closer or deeper relationship in human society than that between parents and their children. Once you have your parents' love, you possess everything they have. Every joy of the father, all

the power of the mother, all their skill, wisdom, ambition and desire will be yours. In receiving the love of a father and mother, there is no procedure; there is no paperwork or ceremony necessary to grant those things to their son and daughter. The parents and children are automatically one. This principle applies throughout humankind, and it applies between God and us.

The true child of God

Then, what kind of relationship would you like to have with God? Would you be content to be just a servant? Or would you prefer to be a friend? Would you rather be an adopted son or daughter, or would you like to find a way to become God's own child? I know you would be satisfied with nothing short of the ultimate position as sons and daughters of God.

God's ultimate purpose in his creation of human beings is to give to us all God's love, life and ideal. You are to occupy the entire love of God, to the depth of his heart. By becoming God's true sons and daughters your desire will be fulfilled. That is your ultimate destiny. Then the love of God will saturate you. You will be filled with joy and feel overwhelmed by a total satisfaction with life.

There is no limit to this joy. True

happiness has no end. When you are standing in the love of God, every cell in your body jumps for joy. You breathe in and out with the entire universe. In this state your life is fulfilled. This is how God means for us to live; enraptured in love and joy. And through our joy, God receives joy. The joy of humanity is the joy of God; the joy of God is the joy of humanity.

Early in my life I was called for a mission as God's instrument. I was called to reveal God's truth, as God's prophet. I committed myself unyieldingly to the pursuit of truth, searching the hills and valleys of the spirit world. The time suddenly came upon me when heaven opened up and I was privileged to communicate with Jesus Christ and the living God directly. Since then I have received many astonishing revelations. God told me that the most basic and central truth of the universe is that God is the Parent and we are God's children. We are all created as children of God. And God said there is nothing closer, nothing deeper, nothing more ultimate than when parent and child are one; one in love, one in life, and one in ideal.

Love, life and the ideal are the central point where parent and child meet. Once we unite, at that point God's love is our love, God's ideal is



This picture of the True Family was taken in early January 1973 at Belvedere Estate in Tarrytown, New York. This and all other photographs in True Father's speech this month are from the Christel Werner collection. Christel and her late husband Paul worked directly with True Parents beginning in 1963

our ideal and God's life is our life. There is no relationship where you can have the eternal unity of life, love and the ideal other than in the parent-child relationship. This is a fundamental reality of the universe.

How do we come into being in this world? The father and mother become one through their love, and bring together their lives and ideals. Their love precedes our birth. Love is the force that unites. Husband and wife become one in love. This means the husband's love, life and ideal become the wife's, and the wife's love, life and ideal become the husband's. This is the way that two live as one, and two become one flesh. Upon this foundation of oneness in love, a new life can be generated.

When a child is born, that child is the manifestation of the parents' love, life and ideal. When you look at your own child, you are actually seeing another you. You are looking at the fruit of your love, the fruit of your life and the fruit of your ideal. You are looking at your second self, another visible form of yourself.

Now let us expand this truth to a universal scale. Man and woman were created as God's son and daughter. God wanted to be reflected in human beings. Therefore the Bible says, "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created

them." (Gen. 1:27) Humankind is created in the likeness of God. In other words, human beings are God incarnate. Humankind is the mirror of the living God, and God's every virtue, characteristic and quality is reflected in this mirror. God surely wants human beings to reflect God's love, life and ideal. We are the fruit of God's love, life and ideal.

The state of perfection

How wonderful, how simply wonderful it is to live this perfected life of God! This is the true life of joy unequalled by any earthly joy. Once you reach this state of perfection you do not need prayer. Why would you? You meet God face to face and you live heart to heart with him. You converse with God. You no longer need religion and you do not need a Savior. All the things of religion are part of the mending process, the process of restoration. A person in perfect health does not need a physician. The person in perfect union with God does not need a savior.

Life in union with God is the one great way to live life with God, you living in God and God living in you. This was the spiritual state of Jesus when he said, "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father in me?" (John 14:10) God and human beings will embrace in one all-consuming love. This is the state where

God is made the living reality. You no longer believe; you know. And you live the truth. If you really experience this love in oneness with God, you have tasted the supreme experience of life. There are probably many Christian leaders among you, yet how many of you have had that wonderful experience, receiving the profound love of God?

God made us to live a life of intoxication. We are meant to live intoxicated by the love of God. Since we lost this original capacity, people seek unnatural, artificial intoxication, getting drunk on alcohol or deadened with drugs. The perfect person, however, is created to be intoxicated in God's love. There is nothing that can go beyond this feeling of joy. Every cell in your body will explode with joy. Your eyes and ears, the tissues in your face, your arms and legs, everything will be newly alive in a rapture of joy. Nothing else can ever match this quality of joy. This is the plan of God's original creation. When you say, "Heavenly Father," do you really have a living and vibrant feeling of God's presence? Don't you want to hear God answering, "Yes, my child"?

Here is my gift to you tonight: I want you to realize that the true relationship between God and human beings is that of a subject partner and object partner. You are God's sons and daughters. Once you have achieved

unity with God, nothing can trouble you. Neither sorrow, nor loneliness, or sickness or anything else under the sun can discourage you. God is the ultimate security. You could pay many millions of dollars and still not have that kind of security. It is priceless. No money can buy it. This is the total experience of life. We are meant to live with God.

Your life is therefore the most valuable thing in this universe. That is why Jesus said, "For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall they give in return for their life?" (Matt. 16:26) Jesus is talking about life with God. Life without God has the value of a burned-out light bulb. A life without God is death.

Jesus Christ is the one person who lived God's ideal in its fullest realization. He was the first person of perfection ever to walk the earth, and he came to restore the true relationship between God and humanity. But after Jesus' crucifixion, Christianity identified him with God. This is why the gap between God and humankind remained. Jesus is a man in whom God is incarnate. But he himself is not God. Paul's first epistle to Timothy in the Bible says, "For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human." (1 Tim. 2:5) The dwelling of God within Jesus was a complete reality. He said, "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" [John 14:10] Jesus is, indeed, the only begotten Son of God, yet God does not want Jesus as the only son. All human beings are created to say, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." This is everyone's fully attainable goal.

God's view of good and evil

Our first step in becoming the true sons and daughters of God is to comprehend clearly God's view of good and evil. What is goodness and what is evil? We are not concerned with a man-made definition. God defines the eternal standard of good and evil. The sharp definition of good and evil existed at the time of his creation, long before evil ever came into being in the garden of Eden. God's view of good and evil will never change. God is eternal, his law is eternal, and his definition is eternal



The tours generated much publicity and allowed Father to connect with public-minded figures who were working in service to their community and nation.

and unchanging, despite the passage of time.

All of our human traits originate in God. We recognize that there is some human tendency for selfishness. This is natural because at one time God himself was self-centered. This fact may surprise you, but you must understand that before God created man and the universe, he was completely alone, with no one to care for except himself. However the very instant that God initiated creation, his full concept of life emerged. God now lives for his counterpart, not for himself.

What is creation? Creation means nothing more than the Creator, God, projecting himself into a substantial form. He made himself incarnate symbolically in the universe, and he made himself incarnate directly in man. When the spirit takes form, this is creation. God invested himself in the creation. God's investment of energy is the creation. The book of Genesis in the Bible makes creation sound simple and easy.

Genesis gives us the impression that God's creation is accomplished through the magic of his words. God simply says, "Let there be a world" and presto! The world comes into being. Then he says, "Let there be man" and poof! Adam and Eve come into being.

But now it has been revealed that it

was not this easy at all. God invested all of himself in his creation. He did not reserve even one ounce of energy. Creation was his total labor, his total effort of giving all of himself. When God put his entire heart and soul into the creation of his object, he was investing 100 percent of himself. Only in this way could he create his second self, the visible God.

Therefore, after his creation, God no longer existed just for himself. God began existing for his son and daughter, Adam and Eve. He exists to love; he exists to give. God is the completely unselfish existence. God cannot exist alone. "Love" and "ideal" only take on meaning when partners are in complementary relationship. God initiated creation and made an investment he cannot lose. When God poured all of his love, life and ideal into his second self, in a sense, he had to realize a profit. God knew that when he invested all he had, one hundred percent, his object would mature and return to him many, many times over the fruits of love, life, and his ideal; his object, humankind, is everything to God. The life of the object attracts God. God wants to go to dwell with his object, with humankind. *☞*

This is our second excerpt of Speech 2, Book 1 of Pyeong Hwa Gyeong; the first ran in our November issue.



Toward the Eternal World of Freedom, Equality and Peace

True Mother delivered this address at Asia Pacific Summit 2018 Opening Plenary Session on December 1 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kathmandu, Nepal.



This is a photograph of True Mother giving this speech to the delegates in the Hyatt Hotel in Kathmandu

Dear distinguished leaders, ambassadors for peace and ladies and gentlemen that are participating in this Asia Pacific Summit: Today we have gathered here with the desire to answer the question of how we can realize an eternal world of freedom, equality and peace, which has been a desire of humankind for so long. Conflicts between races, religions and ideologies, territorial disputes, war and tribal conflicts have kept the world from becoming a peaceful one, even for a day. Moreover, due to human ignorance this beautiful world is becoming sick. When we look at this, what must we do?

Throughout history, there have been many righteous people around the world. The four great representative religions arose from the question of what they can do to lead humankind to a peaceful world. We have seen the beginning so we must know the end. We must know the time. We must know God, our Creator, the original owner of the universe. Because he had a dream, God created

everything in the universe and lastly created man and woman. This was why he gave Adam and Eve a growth period. He gave them a responsibility. Fulfilling this responsibility would allow them to mature into the same position as God and receive the blessing.

In that position, they would have become humankind's true ancestors. However, during this process, Adam and Eve became greedy and caused the world to be as it is today, with no connection to God. For this reason, although many people have made effort throughout history, they could not achieve results.

Therefore, what I wish to speak about today is Heaven's providence seen through the history of civilization and the responsibility and mission of Asia at this time, which is to open the era of the Asia Pacific civilization. God is omniscient and omnipotent. His beginning and end must be the same. There can be no failure. Therefore, in accordance with Heaven's principles of creation, God began the providence of restoration

through indemnity and the providence of salvation that would restore fallen humankind.

After a long period of four thousand years, God sent Jesus Christ, the only son of God, the only one God could call "my son" in this fallen world. Yet, his mother, Mary, and the people of Israel did not know Jesus' essence. They did not understand God properly. Thus, Jesus did not have a foundation to stand on. Jesus died on the cross and he said, "I will return."

This began the two-thousand-year history of Christianity, which continued with the work of the Apostles through the resurrection given by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said he would return and hold the feast of the Lamb—the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Jesus' intended course

Jesus' mission was to stand before fallen human beings and resurrect, revive and give people rebirth as their True Parent. He had come to fulfill that responsibility. However, he was



Religious, political and business leaders streaming toward the summit venue

unable to realize it. We know through history what kind of indemnity these people, who had not fulfilled their responsibilities, went through. The only daughter of God had not been found at that time.

When God created, he created man and woman. Four thousand years ago, when finding Christ, the only son of God, there was a daughter of God who should have been found. However, the only daughter of God could not have been born through a people that did not fulfill their responsibilities. The providence moved to Asia. Thus, many religious leaders, capable of leading humankind, have come from within the Asian civilization.

The bride is necessary

To complete the providence of salvation the only daughter of God must be born so that we can reach our final destination and begin a new history. Thus, in 1943, the only daughter of God, the True Mother, was born. According to God's principles of creation, God had to give his only daughter time to mature.

At that time, Korea had experienced liberation from Japanese oppression and at the same time, Korea divided into North and South. The division was between democracy and communism. During that time, the power of communism was very great.

South Korea, as a democracy, was not well prepared to confront the communist forces. Then, in 1950, the Korean War broke out. Though it had not been long since the UN founding, sixteen UN nations participated and protected South Korea's democracy. How can we think human power did this? This was God's providence.

From the outset, God wished to love and embrace humanity; during the Last Days, God wished to embrace all people as his children without fail. This has been Heavenly Parent's dream. Our first ancestors fractured this dream. Therefore, the True Parents, who are victorious among all people, must come in order that they can bring these days to an end and begin a new era. Thus, in 1960, True Parents were elevated to their position. A new history and new era began centered on True Parents, but Christianity, which should have created the right environment, did not understand this. However, the truth is eternal. The truth will be revealed.

The person that humankind and Christianity must wait for is the only daughter of God. The only daughter of God must come in order for the Messiah, who said he would return, to be in the position of the True Parent. Fallen people cannot become God's sons or daughters without receiving the blessing from the True Parents. You must know how much of


a miracle True Parents are among the 7.6 billion people of the world. We have done many things around the world but through the Family Federation, we emphasize the importance of the family.

Let us restore the human family

You who are alive today, must not think your life is yours alone. We must connect to the past and see a world that gives our youth hope. This cannot be accomplished through your pre-existing human-centered ideologies, theories and customs. We must have a movement that attends God, the original owner.

Therefore, I proclaim the era of the heavenly Asia-Pacific civilization that attends God! Then, though there are some two hundred nations, if all these nations accept True Parents' teachings, we are brothers and sisters in front of our Heavenly Parent. How can the siblings fight while their parent is alive? When we start from a family whose members love one another and live for one another's sake, humankind's hope, the Heavenly Parent's dream, the dream of achieving one human family under God, will be realized. Here, there will be no borders. There will be no walls between races or cultures. There will be no ideological walls. Please remember, you live in the blessed era when our blessed second- and third-generation members are working actively throughout the world, creating a revolution by bringing the culture of heart through the true love expressed in living for the sake of others.

Share the blessing with others

The blessing cannot stop at the individual level. The more you share the blessing, the greater it becomes. When you share it with your family, your tribe, your nation and then spread it to the world, please know that you are citizens of the eternal world of Cheon Il Guk who embrace our Heavenly Parent. Before I came here today, I traveled around the world. I would like to conclude my speech by expressing the sincere hope that by sharing Heavenly Parent's blessings here in Nepal, the closest point to Heaven, you all receive the blessing of being leaders who are like bright beacons and lights for the world. 



Live Heavenly Lives

True Mother delivered this address at the Victory Celebration for the Rally for the Hopeful March Forward of Heavenly Asia on December 3 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kathmandu, Nepal



I congratulate Prime Minister Oli and former Prime Minister Madhav for their great work. Now, I ask you to raise your voices boldly and confidently as sons of True Parents. Louder than a warrior! When I think of Nepal, I wonder how the dream of the Creator, God, would have taken shape.

The Demoiselle Cranes of the Mongolian plains risk their lives migrating over the Himalayas flying toward the plains of India to prepare for winter. Although nobody taught them this, those cranes have always acted this way to preserve themselves and reproduce. Then, I pondered about what the Creator's, God's, original planet Earth would have looked like if human beings had not fallen. The principles of creation do not have a stopping point. They exist eternally. Nature acts in accordance to its cyclical laws; only fallen humans have many barriers to overcome.

Life as God intended

Even in the history of this one country, the people have undergone torment from wars and conflicts. All

① YSP held an International Youth Assembly; Dr. Kittel gave a Pure Love lecture, Ek Nath Dhakal was the MC; Vijay Jolly, senior advisor of India's Bharatiya Janata Party spoke as did Krishna Adhikari, president of FFWPU-India

② Youthful joy and enthusiasm in motion

③ A view of the crowd, honored guests in front

of human history is like that. Using yesterday as a model, I hope Nepal as a country will show humanity how blessed people and families are living the intended, original ideal that God, our Creator, established.

Fifty rivers and tributaries come together to form a waterfall and that immense current of water flows toward the great ocean. According to the cyclical laws of nature, this is the way to perpetuate life. Only when we are born anew by the marriage blessing True Parents give can we live eternally in the beautiful and breathtaking kingdom of heaven on earth and the kingdom of heaven in heaven and can the day come when we fulfill God's ultimate dream and obtain what humanity is longing for.

Heaven has blessed Nepal for being an example. I pray that there will be unity among the Nepalese

citizens, government and civil society and a new heavenly Nepal will stand proudly in the eyes of the world and humanity as it attends our Heavenly Parent. Heaven blessed Nepal with beautiful nature. Wouldn't you like to make Nepal the most beautiful and livable country in the world by having more and more blessed families nurturing and taking care of its resources?

Live exemplary lives

You, who currently receive good fortune and blessings, have to change in order to achieve that. For things to be different, you must fulfill your responsibilities as blessed families. You have to show others how to live a life of practicing true love, how to be someone who lives for the sake of others. Will you do this?

There is another gorgeous place in the world: the European Alps. I would like Nepal to make a heavenly Himalayas, which are more beneficial to health and more beautiful than Europe's Alps. I hope Family Federation members will be at the forefront, living truly loving lives as originally desired by God, the Creator. 卍



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Gathering to Report on the World Tour Victories and Resolve to Establish Firmly a Heavenly World

True Mother delivered this speech at the victory celebration on December 6 in the Grand Hall of the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center.



It is nice to see you all again after being away for more than a month. We are living in a time in which we can see the fruits of the spring-time of the providence before our eyes. Today, Heavenly Parent has once again said, I love you. I bless you by making it snow, though it is the second snowfall.

The owner of the universe is our Creator, Heavenly Parent. Through True Parents, the blessed families of today who can realize Heavenly Parent's dream have spread throughout the world. However, today the world has many national borders. There are many countries.

They do not know who the owner of the universe is. All created things belong to God. That the people of the fallen world do not know the reality that God neither bequeathed their possessions to them nor do they own them is regrettable.

Following Father's Seonghwa, we looked toward 2020 and Heavenly Parent's dream of national restoration. The advent of True Parents and their starting point should have been on a national foundation. However, the world of fallen people did not know God. Those in the Christian cultural

sphere, in particular, did not have a clear understanding. Only in their hour of need would they entreat Heaven, "Help me" or "save me." These are the only prayers they offered. Heaven, therefore, raised a chosen people to whom he could send a savior for humankind. Through that chosen people, God opened the way for the True Parents to emerge and for fallen humankind to go through restoration emerging as his true children. The reality, however, was not that easy. During the two thousand years of Christianity, Christians have mistakenly thought they would receive salvation through the blood of Jesus on the cross. They displayed Jesus hanging on the cross at the very front of their churches and prayed, Please save us.

We must act on what we know

Those who know the providence and God's will cannot just sit quietly and observe. It took a long time for that cross to be taken down. When I think of how painful this must have been for Heaven, I see that Christians today must reflect deeply on this. In order to realize God's dream, we have to make the people of these divided

nations into God's citizens, but there are so many sanctions and so many national borders. We challenged ourselves!

Beginning in Senegal in Africa, we traveled the world...and ended up in Nepal, in Asia. We have been visiting nations with the potential to become a nation for Heavenly Parent. Though not everything is complete, after all, it has not reached 100 percent, we have sown seeds in these nations. And so we must gather healthy and ripe fruits. What is clear, however, when finding Heavenly Parent's people and nations, is that we will make those nations that I directly visited into nations about whose citizens Heavenly Parent can say, You are my beloved sons and daughters.

More needs to be done

Now, in Zimbabwe and in South Africa, what remains for us to do is to transform people's hearts. No matter how much power an incumbent leader has, a leader without people cannot be a king. I will therefore make them understand that having their people receive the blessing and become true families that God can love is the way to restore their



- ① True Mother speaking at the world tour victory celebration at the Cheongpyeong main hall.
- ② S.G. Yun gave an overview of the world tour; Rev. Kim spoke on the US rally; Rev. Yong on the Nepal Summit; Rev. Camara on Africa; Mrs. McDevitt read True Mother's speech; Abs. Ndanga spoke on Zimbabwe and a South African spokesman addressed the audience.
- ③ The Little Angels performing for True Mother and the assembled members
- ④ Senior Korean leaders wildly cheering True Mother during the victory celebration
- ⑤ True Mother enjoying the Christmas celebration entertainment

nations, and that it is the way for their people to become God's children.

There are many places where the living conditions are very poor. This nation also went through tremendous difficulties in the 1950s after the Korean War. At that time too, True Parents educated the citizens of Korea through the New Village (Sae Ma-eul) Movement and the New Heart (Sae Ma-eum) Movement.

There can be no perfection in ignorance. You must know. You must learn. The nations that ruled the world could not do this. However, the True Parents Movement – this Blessing movement – will educate all people to that they are able to experience firsthand and fully understand the value of True Parents and true love.

Let us revive these nations

It is written in the Bible, "The first will be the last and the last will be the first." Compared to the developed countries that lead the world today, the countries of Zimbabwe, South Africa and Nepal, which I traveled through, were at the bottom. Yet when we look at them from the viewpoint of Heaven's providence, they will be the first. This means that if they go forward in oneness with True

Parents, these nations will certainly become advanced nations, the center of the world.


Thus, I would like for the counties and cities in Korea to form sibling relationships with these nations, help them to revive economically, so that their people can live well in all respects as soon as possible. Do you agree? I wish to show that the nations that attend Heavenly Parent and True Parents can become models for the world and become great nations that are beacons of light. Therefore, I have chosen Zimbabwe to represent all of Africa and I have given instructions that we focus our activities on Zimbabwe. Also, with regard to Nepal, in Asia, the mayors of seven hundred cities received the blessing.

I would like you to focus more on creating the people of heaven; that is, on raising tribal messiahs and blessed families. Nepal has a similar environment to that of Europe's Switzerland in the past. The reason that nation could become one of the world's top economies was because its people united.

Considering the beautiful environment Heaven has given us and based on our experience, our Family Federation from Korea must help these

nations so they can use resources well, so that they do not pollute the environment. We should be active in educating them one by one to bring these countries to enjoy a high standard of living. Through diverse initiatives such as sisterhood and brotherhood connections, the New Village Movement, and the New Heart Movement, I sincerely hope that the blessed families of Korea, and particularly those of FFWPU-Japan, can contribute to helping the people who have received the blessing in these nations to form healthy families that fulfill their responsibilities.

Demonstrate it to the world

Then let us show the world that countries united with True Parents can become first-class nations that are healthy and thriving. How hard Heaven has worked and how much Heaven has sacrificed to see this day! Today, even, Heaven blessed us with white snow. I felt God was showing us a sign that he will wash and smooth away the pain of the nations and peoples that True Parents have found. The blessed families in our Unificationist community are practicing and sharing true love. Let us become beacons of light for the world! 

Asia Pacific Summit-2018





- ① True Mother delivering her address to the participants of Asia Pacific Summit 2018 during the Opening Plenary Session
- ② The attentive audience listening to True Mother who had flown from South Africa having also spoken in Zimbabwe and the United States
- ③ Asia Pacific Summit 2018 had the support and active participation of the government of Nepal; the man with the black *Bhaad-gaule topi* on his head is the Nepal's prime minister; at the podium is Ethnak Dhakal, an erstwhile national leader of FFWPU, who has also served his nation as a parliamentarian and a government minister.
- ④ Clockwise from top-left: Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli of Nepal, Ex-Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal of Nepal; Dr. Thomas Walsh, UPF; Vijay Jolly, political party leader in India; Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia; State Counselor Aung San Suu Kyi of Myanmar; Ex-Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani of Pakistan; Ex-Prime Minister Deve Gowda of India; President Iakoba Taeaia Italeli, of Tuvalu; Tuimaleali'ifano Va'aletoa Sualauvi of Samoa; Vice President Leni Robredo of the Philippines and President Baron Waqa of Nauru



Blessing Ceremony for Seven Hundred Mayors and their Spouses



- ① True Mother guiding seven hundred mayors and their spouses through their blessing vows; By law, in Nepal if a political party fields a candidate for both mayor and deputy mayor in any one locality, one of the two must be a woman
- ② True Mother with attendants during the blessing ceremony of seven hundred couples in Kathmandu
- ③ True Mother during the holy water rite with some representative couples onstage.
- ④ Among those onstage as True Mother prayed, was Anote Tong (second from the right) one of the first recipients, in 2015, of the Sun Hak Peace Prize.
- ⑤ Nepalese mayors and their spouses during the blessing ceremony
- ⑥ True Mother and Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli happily wave to large crowd
- ⑦ True Mother presenting the Good Governance Award to Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli, the guest of honor.
- ⑧ Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli wearing the Good Governance medal.
- ⑨ All the major figures in their blessing scarves





Victory Celebration in Nepal



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- ① True Mother cutting the cake on December 3 during the celebration of the successful summit in Nepal.
- ② A couple presenting flowers to True Mother
- ③ True Mother receiving gifts
- ④ A good view, at the victory celebration in Kathmandu, of how large the crowd was at Asia Pacific Summit 2018



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Safe Return and Victory Celebration for True Mother's World Tour



- ① True Mother and President Yeon Ah Moon cut the celebration cake
- ② Various gifts presented to True Mother during the
- ③ True Mother presenting gifts, with her are (left to right) Kim Jong-gwan, Wonju Chong McDevitt, Kim, Ju Jin-tae, Li Ki-seong, Yun Ah nim and Hoonsook nim
- ④ True Mother receives flowers from Ek Nath Dhakal, chair of IAPP for the Asia Pacific region and Santosh Kumar Paudel, leader of FFWPU-Nepal
- ⑤ Members rise to cheer in the traditional manner in celebration of our deeply beloved and thoroughly victorious True Mother.



Christmas Hyojeong Festival



- ① True Mother addressing the crowd she had invited to the Christmas celebration
- ② True Mother receives some help from Shin Chul nim and Shin Heung nim in blowing out the candles
- ③ Various leaders receive gifts
- ④ Members came to share the holiday with True Mother
- ⑤ Appreciative members enjoy a Christmas feast with True Parents
- ⑥ Three of Hyo Jin nim and Yeon Ah nim's children performing as do various groups of young people in color-coordinated costumes.
- ⑦ An all-girl group; the Cheon Il Guk Headquarters did a skit off Marvel Comics and the recent movie, Bohemian Rhapsody ;and Jo Hang-jo a professional pop singer
- ⑧ The Christmas celebration ended with cheers of mansei.





Stepping Stones toward Lasting Peace

Asia Pacific Summit 2018–Nepal

By Santosh Kumar Paudel



A number of heads of state or government came to Kathmandu for Asia Summit 2018 (November 30 to December 3). This event was both the highest international summit ever held by the government of Nepal and the most prestigious event ever organized by UPF and affiliated organizations. It took place at the end of 2018 and was a brilliant conclusion of True Mother's world tour. True Mother, coming from Africa, received the highest honors of the nation of Nepal. She could meet the president of the country, and the prime minister, KP Sharma Oli, hosted the event.

Cambodia Prime Minister Hun Sen, the vice president of Republic of the Philippines Leni Robredo, and Myanmar's state counselor Aung San Suu Kyi took part in Asia Pacific Summit 2018. There were also heads of state of nations in Oceania. Moreover, speakers of the house, parliamentarians and other high-ranking officials from around the world responded.

You may wonder why UPF chose Nepal as the summit venue. There are various reasons, but there are definitely several paradigms for bringing peace in this Himalayan nation of thirty million people, landlocked between communist China (1.3 billion people), and democratic India (1.2 billion people). Somehow, the national and secular agendas of the Nepali government were a close match to the universal and providential timetable. UPF wants to emphasize Nepal's model of building peace to the world and to support the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. You could also see the



What transpired in Nepal was indeed a summit, with the highest-level officials from various nations in attendance. The speaker is here is chairman of the organizing committee and an ex-prime minister of Nepal, Madhav Kumar Nepal.

agenda of UPF as supporting tourism and the government's Visit Nepal Year 2020 campaign; we were encouraged to highlight particularly Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha, as an international tourist destination. During the summit, bilateral and multilateral meetings took place. Dialogue and discussions were planned that would explore new diplomatic opportunities for Nepal.

The government and authorities of Nepal saw Asia Pacific Summit 2018 as an important event to boost Nepal's tourism, for it will generate good will around the world. The summit took place at a time when the world is divided and countries are waging wars. The theme of the summit was "mutual prosperity and universal values." If Nepal can be the place to extend harmony and goodwill, investors will want to invest here.

Toward harmonious cooperation

Sustainable peace can only be realized when we bring together the government, private sector and civil society and this is also the only way to tackle pressing global issues from climate change to poverty. The summit in Kathmandu could reaffirm the existing global cooperation on peace, development, good governance, climate change, marriage and family. Moreover, the role of youth and faith-based organizations in building a prosperous nation were also discussed during the summit.

Peace begins when leaders reconcile. It requires both sides to realize the futility of war. Nepal is grateful to various stakeholders, including the United Nations, which supported the process. But Nepalis themselves initiated and took ownership of the process. It was essentially a "made in Nepal" peacemaking effort. From this point of view, other countries may certainly learn from Nepal.

True peace, however, is more than the absence of war. One must work on good government and justice. In Nepal, after a decade of fighting and violence, armed militants voluntarily handed over their weapons to the United Nations, and together with democratic parties, held two Constituent Assembly elections, wrote the constitution, integrated two armies, restructured the state, and formed a federal democratic republic to account for the nation's ethnic diversity. Nepal now consists of seven autonomous provinces. Three of these provinces have borders both with India and with China. This federal structure is good for nation building and for better diplomatic relations.

Our focus on the family

One could compare Nepal's spirit of reconciliation with Nelson Mandela's approach of forgiving enemies and achieving a peaceful end. Peacemaking in Nepal was "Mandelian" in this sense, but it involved the majority of citizens, not just a few charismatic leaders.

But, at the end of the day, peace is also more than sound institutions, good governance and justice.



True Mother, Dr. Thomas Walsh and Yeon Ah Moon are among those listening to Vijay Jolly, a former legislator and a leading figure in India's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

If we want a nation to become one family under God, we have to deal with the family, the school of love. One of the challenges of our time is the need for strengthening the institutions of family and marriage; thus, True Mother officiating the peace blessing of seven hundred mayors and their spouses was one of the highlights of the summit. We also launched the International Mayors' Association for Peace (IMAP). We had invited civil society leaders to this program to celebrate family and peace. We believe that marriage and family are important aspects of building a prosperous and peaceful nation. Nepal's prime minister proposed a partnership focused on good governance. During the ceremony, marriage appeared as the key component of the social contract.

Nepal has a unique culture that honors parents, grandparents and guests as they would God. The family structure in Nepal is quite robust. We were fortunate that Prime Minister K. P. Sharma Oli embraced the idea of Asia Pacific Summit 2018, which focused on issues such as climate change, peace and security, good governance and conflict resolution, as well as strengthening marriage and family. These are some of the Sustainable Development Goals put forth by the United Nations. The Nepali prime minister has said that strengthening marriage and family could help achieve the goals implicit in his government's motto, "Prosperous Nepal, Happy Nepali."

We could also bring together important religious leaders from different faith groups to take responsibility for the moral values of the new millennium and of their homeland. The role of the host nation, the land of Lord Buddha, comes out of the culture of heart and serving others joyfully. Whenever they go in Nepal, visitors receive a wide, welcoming smile—the head is slightly bowed, the hands are brought together with respect and you hear a heartfelt "Namaste," which literally means, "I bow to the god within you." Accompanying this is eagerness, a willingness to serve.

More than one thousand five hundred international delegates from forty-five countries took part in this mega event. More than thirty heads of state or former heads of state attended, business entrepreneurs and investors actively took part. One lesson we can draw from Asia Summit 2018 is that we should identify the national agendas of the host country and find a match for them within the providence. This is how the notion of "restoring nations" will become substantial for us and for the people we deal with. *TP*

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The Value of Embodying One's Faith

According to Hindu lore, Lord Krishna, god of compassion, tenderness, and love, spent his childhood at Vrindavan, which is today a town in the Mathura District of Uttar Pradesh, India. The family of Acharya Shri Shrivatsa Goswami, comprising a long line of prominent scholars and spiritual guides, is associated with a temple there named Sri Radharamana Mandir. During Asia-Pacific Summit 2018, he spoke on Hinduism, reading from his cell phone, to a large audience. He began with a sonorous mantra in Sanskrit before speaking in fluent English. This is a partial transcript of what he said that day.

By Acharya Shri Shrivatsa Goswami





Audience members pay close attention to Acharya Shri Shrivatsa Goswami.

In today's auspicious festival and celebration of family, after what Dr. Kittel has described and explained, nothing is left to be added. But to understand that, I want to share with you an old story. I do not know when it happened but it did happen and it has been documented in the oldest literature of humanity.

The Divine, the source of our being—you could call it God, you could call it Brahman, you could call it by any name—was absolutely at the top of reality and was without any other. Absolute reality brought absolute loneliness. The loneliness brought no happiness to that absolute being and it realized that happiness lies in relationships—not in money or in the objects we gather or in our relationships with human beings but it is from our relationship to the money or to the objects or to the humans that our happiness emerges.

But at that height, that level of existence, [where the Divine resides] there is no other, not any internal or any external differences survive there. And there, a heavy depression sets in. At that height, a huge depression sets in. And in that depression, the absolute reality fell. It fell into two pieces. When you fall, it is called *patati*. And when the absolute reality fell, it fell into two pieces, the male and the female. When they fell into two and they looked at each other, they developed a relationship. They developed a relationship and they enjoyed the happiness coming out of that relationship. The result was this beautiful world of ours with all its infinite variety of species including human beings, us.

Don't take love for granted

So family and marriage, like human life, we take as a *fait accompli*. But it was not so. To bring family and bring the relationship of marriage and its sanctity, the Divine had to work very hard. It is not a human enterprise to bring that glory and that sanctity to this institution of marriage. Divinity, the source and foundation of our being and consciousness and all enjoyments and all the life systems, worked hard. It is easy to enter into a relationship, we all know, mostly due to physical or other kinds of worldly infatuations. But the challenge remains, how to sustain and extend and evolve that relationship, the source of human happiness. The moot question is, How do we sustain relationships? The trick is to serve. This service, not out of compassion or hypocrisy, but out of love is easier said than done.

Service out of love is the most difficult act on a human's part. Why? Because acts done with the focus on the welfare of the other person we relate to is service with love. When we keep our own desires and motives as the cause of service, it is not service, it is pretension of service. But if we keep the welfare of the other as the focus of the service, it is service out of love.

It appears very difficult, if not impossible. Actually, it is neither difficult nor impossible. Family is the place for learning the act of serving with love. Relationship and service out of love is the structure



This is the view from near the front of the large hall in which Acharya Shri Shrivatsa Goswami spoke.

and process of a family. That's why it is called... Who is a householder? [One of four stages of life in Hinduism—student, householder, retiree, renunciant] One who is the Guru who constantly performs the religious ritual of being a householder. So there we need a priest who can guide us into a proper ritual rendering, and there the high priest or the teacher is none other than the mother. This needs no elaboration to all of us here.

What does a mother do? She teaches by being a mother or a grandma or a daughter-in-law or a daughter or a sister or a friend. In all of these roles, she is the teacher in our family. At the same time, she is—in most cases—a guest in the family. That lady, that mother, is never born into our family. She has come from somewhere else. Until recently, she is completely unknown. She comes as a guest but because of the relationship of marriage and because of the discipline and offering of love and service, she becomes the chief of the family. She becomes everything, and the parents live and enjoy life on the strength of love and service based on trust and fidelity. There is no other way. The husband and wife with their trust and fidelity (as you just saw) can bring wonders—not just peace in the family but peace in society and nations as well as prosperity to humanity in all its dimensions.

Can it be done?

We always have a question: Is it humanly possible to serve without motive, to serve out of love, to serve to please the other? To reassure us, we have divine parents. I have come on a holy pilgrimage to the home of those divine parents, Lord Shiva [one of the main deities in Hinduism; in some traditions, the supreme being] and Parvati [the goddess of fertility, love, beauty, marriage, children and devotion]. Nepal is the home of humanity's divine parents. They live that relationship which grows into a great family.

People have the misunderstanding that Lord Shiva is a mendicant—that he has nothing to do with the family institution. But in the whole variety of Hindu gods and goddesses, if I find a faithful householder it is Pashupatina [another name for Shiva] who is the most faithful and most honorable husband and a householder. So is Mother Parvati a householder. Their love grows into a beautiful family, which gives birth to the most beautiful son, Kartekeya [god of war and victory, commander of the gods]. The epitome of beauty and handsomeness and the most clever and most intelligent son was also born in that family, our cute Ganesha, Ganapati [two names for the elephant-headed god in Hinduism].

Parenthood is an ongoing revelation, and we have living examples—of what we call the pair systems (from Dr. Kittel) in our dear Dr. and Mrs. Moon. Now manifest, these True Parents, as the two parents for the sake of humanity, have merged into one body as Dr. Mrs. Moon, who is the daughter of the Divine. She has various roles—from teacher to a friend, from wife to a sister—all in the service of the family called humanity. With those words, I bow down to you, I do and do and let peace be with us. Thank you. ॐ

Solving Unsolvable Problems

By Robert Kittel

Our True Mother recently concluded her world summit tours. They started in January in Senegal, Africa, and ended in December in Kathmandu, Nepal. The hallmark of these summits was True Mother's proclamation that she is the only daughter of God. She wanted to make this bold statement in front of presidents, prime ministers and royalty. In both the first and last summits, sitting heads of state and government attended, eight in total. Congratulations, True Mother, this is a historic accomplishment. It lays the foundation for a victorious Vision 2020. Also, congratulations to our brothers and sisters around the world who worked so hard. It was a collective victory for us all.

In announcing to the world that True Mother is God's daughter, she is solving one of the most critical problems of our time. In societies around the world and throughout history women have been raped, trafficked into prostitution, beaten at home, murdered, unwillingly impregnated, forced into life-threatening abortions, and had female fetuses ripped from their wombs.

The solution to the way we treat women will not be addressed through the power of the police, the verdict of courts, the length of prison sentences, more laws or even the fear of capital punishment. These have been tried. The problem remains unsolved. The ultimate solution is a fundamental change of attitude, heart and culture. We need to change our way of thinking. We must think of something never ever thought of before. True Mother is offering this.

No woman in history ever proclaimed on a global stage that she was God's daughter. But this is exactly what needs to happen. It is an entirely new

attitude toward women, with which we begin to honor the divine feminine nature in our daughters, sisters, wives and mothers.

What a difference it would make

What if husbands thought of their wives as God's daughters? What if women thought of themselves as the daughters of God? What if brothers protected their sisters as the embodiment of the feminine essence of God's divinity? What if children were raised knowing that they and their siblings are sons or daughters of God? Even angels in the spiritual world would benefit from this revolutionary way of thinking initiated here on earth by our True Mother.

Sadly, this did not happen at the very beginning of human history. Adam did not see Eve as God's daughter. Eve did not see herself as the daughter of God. The Archangel looked at the first woman as a sex object for personal pleasure. This selfish sex-centered attitude is not only the origin of our problems historically; it is also one of the most fundamental problems we face today.

Whether it is pedophilia in religious institutions, the #MeToo movement, the Free Sex movement in the 1960s, or the same sex movement today, at the core of these unsolved social problems is the confusion related to the dignity of women and the proper role of human sexuality. It is at the root of our fallen nature, lineage and culture.

Unique in all of history

No woman ever invested so many resources to address this problem. True Mother's investment of financial and human resources as well as her own personal effort at the age of seventy-six is unparalleled. This is not self-promotion; it is problem



In her daily life and in recently traveling thousands of miles and pouring out her heart in the United States of America, the Republic of Zimbabwe, the Republic of South Africa and Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, True Mother has been doing the messianic work of solving unsolvable problems.

solving on a cosmic level. True Mother is risking her position and the reputation of all the worldwide organizations she represents and founded in order to provide a much-needed answer to the critical problem of how we think of and treat women. True Mother's declaration is a game-changer.

She is setting the record straight. In declaring, "I am God's only daughter," she is establishing a new benchmark. Through this True Mother is liberating all women. She is also educating all men. All women are daughters of God. Both men and women need to know this.

Embodying the divinity of God is the inherent value, ultimate purpose and highest honor of women. True Mother is not a theologian. She has said this herself. Her declaration as God's daughter should not be dissected dogmatically. True Mother is sharing her upbringing, her family history, her Korean culture, her heart, her life and ultimately her victory with us. In fact, she is sharing with us the entire history of the providence of restoration. The human fall was the inability to recognize Eve as God's daughter. Likewise, the culmination of human history is the advent of God's first victorious daughter.

True Mother is addressing what happened at the beginning of human history. It is also relevant today. Why didn't Adam, Eve or the Archangel understand Eve's divinity? Where would they have learned this? Who would have taught them that Eve was God's daughter? This could only come from God himself. Eve, after all, was God's daughter. God knew who she was. No one else could have taught this ideal to our first ancestors.


This naturally leads us to True Mother's earlier assertion that the lack of *hyo jeong* is an even more

fundamental problem than misusing sex. Because Adam and Eve lacked *hyo jeong*, a relationship with God, they never learned Eve's true identity.

A lack of interaction

In the garden of Eden, God gave Adam the commandment. The content is important, but communication was more important than content. According to the biblical account, Adam did not in any way acknowledge God's commandment—no communication; no response. Eve had questions about it, but she was asking the Archangel, not God. Again, no communication occurred with their Heavenly Parent, who would have taught them about Eve's divine nature.

Clearly, there was little, if any, give-and-take between God and our first human ancestors. This means there was no relationship of *hyo jeong*, no filial heart, no open, free-flowing lines of communication between God and his children. This was the beginning of the undocumented #MeFirst movement, which destroyed the ideal of creation.

The conclusion is obvious. True Mother's teachings—*hyo jeong*, God as our Heavenly Parent, and her proclamation of being God's only daughter—are all inextricably linked together. The focus of filial piety is not just how we treat our parents; in the fruit of filial piety is also how we treat women. At her advanced age when most people have retired and stay at home, True Mother is traveling around the world offering a solution to the most serious social problems of our time. Thank you, True Mother. 

Dr. Kittel is the international president of Youth and Students for Peace.

The Black Corvina Fishing Condition in Uruguay

Kazuhiro George Tsusaka



Uruguayan members carrying on a tradition True Father himself set, an annual fishing condition carried out under specific conditions

In 1996, True Father was inspired to establish a condition of devotion at José Ignacio beach, located on the southeast coast of Uruguay. The activity started on December 1 of the same year and since then we have called it the *Condición de Pesca de la Corvina Negra* (The Black Corvina Fishing Condition).

We cast thirty-three fishing lines into the ocean every day during a two-month period. In the beginning, nobody knew the purpose of the activity nor its meaning, nor the desire that Father had for it. Over time, True Father taught us little by little the different meanings that imbued each aspect of the condition. According to him, each fishing rod represents a country of the Americas

and the fact of setting up the thirty-three poles symbolizing thirty-three countries would be an internal condition for the unification of North America, Central America and South America. The two hooks used on each fishing line represent masculinity and femininity.

In the first years, we carried out the condition during the months of December and January, under True Father's strict leadership. After his ascension to the spiritual world in 2012, everybody thought that this offering would eventually come to its natural end. Nevertheless, we, the leaders and other members of the Uruguayan movement, decided not to stop it. We continue to carry out the condition every year, even facing

severe difficulties, both from the economic aspects and due to the lack of staff. Although we had to shorten the period due to these problems, we keep striving not to quit making the yearly offering. Our decision arose from the desire to inherit internally and externally the tradition that True Father left us for the sake of future generations.

Making new friends

This month, we celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of the inauguration of the Black Corvina Fishing Condition. Last year we carried out the project from November 30 to December 10. Participants gathered from different countries such as Argentina and the United States.

Japanese Cheon Il Guk missionaries came, as did Universal Peace Academy students, not to mention the youth of Uruguay. At the fishing spot, we also had several visitors, Uruguayan and foreign members, during the devotion.

The young Uruguayan students and participants received special training during the period of the condition, so that they could learn how to continue this activity in the future and keep on bequeathing the tradition.

The program began with an opening ceremony along with testi-

monies and guidance about details pertinent to practicing the condition.

sunset, picking up the lines after sunset, around 9 PM.

Participants enjoy the beauty of nature through the Atlantic Ocean that unfolds infinitely in front of them, an experience in which they feel the love of God when he was creating the world and the steps that True Parents took, struggling with the midday heat, the cold of the night, the strong winds and the long rains.

Inheriting from others

In free time, they could look for bait or learn skills, such as putting together a fishing rod or casting a line from

run like desperate children toward fishing rods located about seventy meters away. I think that this emotion is something that someone cannot understand if he or she has not directly experienced it.

Preparing for this year

On the last day, we cleaned the equipment used in the activity to be able to use them in good condition again this year. Last year, we managed to offer nine corvinas and more than anything the effort and sacrifice of all the brothers and sisters who took part so that we could accomplish this condi-




Along with the spiritual training and internal growth, the condition produced some tangible results.

the older brothers who had learned directly from True Father. I would say that listening to their experiences with True Parents is one of the most valuable aspects of the program. Thanks to them, although the first three days passed without much external result, it was a period with deep internal education.

From the fourth day, we started to get tangible results. A Black Corvina can weigh fifteen to twenty kilograms. Due to its size and strength, the fight between the fish and the angler can last more than twenty minutes. The emotion of the participants reaches its peak the moment they see a rod bend as a fish has taken the bait. When they see that, they all leave whatever they are doing and

tion. I pray that this condition will be help bring peace and the unification of the Americas. I pray too that each participant can commit a little more to becoming the true son or daughter that God is waiting for and go on to form truly blessed central families.

At the beginning of December this year, we also began carrying out the Fishing Condition of Corvina Negra in José Ignacio, Uruguay. I hope that many young people from other countries can have the opportunity to share this precious tradition from True Parents with us. May God bless you. 

Reverend Tsusaka is the national leader of Uruguay.

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An Interreligious New Year Celebration

By Armando Lozano



Before leading his friends and guests from various religions in drinking holy wine or juice Armando Lozano of UPF-Spain made three wishes for the new year and then prayed.



A Catholic choir sings sacred songs of the Catholic Church, Gregorian chants, that have a place in their public worship

On Tuesday evening, December 18, our interfaith family in Madrid gathered together to ask God for his blessings on the new year and to show the beauty of spiritual diversity through music, words and food. We decorated the stage simulating an altar. Our desire was to help the very diverse attendance group to have a deep experience through the setting itself.

Music is at the core of any religious ritual. Therefore, the first half hour was composed of short interventions. We started with a female Catholic choir singing Gregorian chants. That set the tone. The seventy people attending calmed down and opened themselves up to the silence and the sacredness. We had, after that, two Jewish hymns by Nora Usterman, a soprano and singer of Sephardic music of Spanish-Argentine origin; one Ethiopian Orthodox Church hymn and Arab religious song by Sara Habasha and Wafir Sheikheldin, a beautiful interreligious blessed couple of musicians who are a bridge between Islam and Christianity, Sudan and Ethiopia. Following that calming offering, Antonio Martin of Ananda Marga (Path of Bliss) Association invited us to stand up and dance to the singing of a Hindu

mantra. This part ended with Sirus Shanavaz, the Persian director of the Sufi Tariqa Molaviye, who read a poem by Rumi and led a dervish whirling dancer on the stage. That was the amazing finale of the first part.

Gopala, a famous poet follower of Sivananda Vedanta, opened the second part dedicated to poems and prayers by reading some of his spiritual verses. We continued with the reading of a blessing (*berakhat*) by Yael Cobano, the director of a Jewish Reformed Synagogue. It was beautiful to see many members of the synagogue in the audience. We proceeded with the reciting of the Koran by Wafir Sheikheldin, a Tibetan Buddhist prayer by Lama Jampa Chojor and ended with Father Demetrios (Rogelio Saez Carbo) reciting the prayer that will be said in the Greek Orthodox churches to start the new year. It was a very moving moment because he asked the audience to stand up and respond to the prayer as if we were in an Orthodox Church. After that, we had a moment of silent meditation so that all people could offer their prayers, since not all could participate. We had Catholic participants, theologians and lay people, Orthodox Christians, Unificationists, Reformed Jewish, Sunni, Sufi and

Ahmadi Muslims, a great diversity of Hindu groups, Zen, Thich Nhat Hanh and Tibetan Buddhist, Scientologists, and others.

Following the meditation, we distributed cups of sacramental wine and juice. Then, I, as moderator, read three wishes: May love and compassion fill the earth. May all humankind find the way to gather as one family. May each living being reach liberation and achieve enlightenment. A prayer for God's blessing on them, their families and loved ones and partaking of the wine or juice followed. It was a great moment and people seemed genuinely touched.

We ended with an interfaith banquet. Nothing is more unifying than food. I had asked each community coming to bring small food offerings of their traditions. They were so generous that we ended up with a real banquet of sweet delicacies and exotic snacks from around the world, each with a tag showing what it was. We talked and talked and people didn't seem to get tired. It was beautiful to see all as one, a little sample of what could be the human family united by the love of God. ☩

Mr. Lozano is the secretary general of UPF-Spain.

A New Family Church in the US State of Minnesota



The congregation in front of the newly built church building. Rev. Ha is standing to the left of Dr. Kim Ki-hoon, chairman of the North American Regional Group.

The long-anticipated Minnesota Family Church building is finally here! It took more than six months of labor, but the hard work paid off this past weekend. On Sunday morning, December 9, the first ever U.S. Unification Church building to be built from the ground up opened its doors for service.

The building, which was designed through the collective input and visions from the Minnesota community, features a stunning sanctuary hall, a social hall and a youth education zone. It is also right next to a community park, making it the perfect spot to support the growing families that call Minnesota their home congregation.

The Minnesota community has received overwhelming blessings, love and guidance over the last two years from Heavenly Parent, True Parents and Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, chairman of the North American Family

Federation regional group. Prior to picking the plot of land where they would build the church, Unificationists prayed earnestly for Heavenly Parent's guidance on the project. It was with this prayerful mind that they finally chose a spot that truly felt blessed by God.

Then the hard work really began. While the project manager, Mr. Keith Anderson, was busy laying out the blueprints for the building, others spent months raising the necessary funds to make it possible. As a finishing touch, the creative young design team chose the color schemes and necessary furnishings to truly make the building feel like home.

Since November 19, the congregation has led a twenty-one-day special devotion to prepare themselves to open the doors of their church this past Sunday. Each evening, Unificationists gathered to offer forty full bows to True Parents

and do hoondokhae from True Mother's new anthology. This spiritual devotion has prepared the hearts of the Minnesota family members, so that the grand opening may be a sincere offering for True Parents and Vision 2020.

The congregation is especially grateful to Dr. Kim for his prayers and *jeonseong* (devotional offering) for the community. Minnesota was Dr. Kim's first assigned district as a leader in the 1980s, and his foundation helped make the new church building possible.

Now that they are equipped with a beautiful and modern building, the Minnesota family has created a new vision to develop their church even further in the new year. They plan to open their doors formally to the public in January and hope the building will serve as a model and reference for other communities who are planning to build a church of their own.



The ceremonial cutting of a ribbon, a type of christening, like baptizing an infant baby; below: Chairman Kim sanctifies the structure with holy salt.





Ted and Reiko Forbath, blessed among the 30,000-couple group (1992) and among those who donated to the building project

Reiko and I arrived in Minneapolis just in time, right when things started to come together for a new church. The church community meetings after Sunday service enabled us all to plan our future together. We quickly realized how much those in the church community love one another, care deeply for the community and have warm hearts. We could see many happy, wonderful young families, too. Second-generation families are a strong part of making a good future here. Each Minnesota family is a treasure. Therefore, how could we not be inspired to help the project of building a new church? How could we not help it become a reality? Wanting to pitch in was so natural and joyful. The twenty-one-day special devotion to prepare for the church opening was a time to connect deeply with Rev. Ha. Through Dr. Kim, we could feel love from True Mother. We feel the community strongly connected to God and True Parents. This community has been truly blessed. As for Reiko and I, we are grateful to God and True Parents that we have received new spiritual life here in Minnesota. We are very grateful to be a part of such a blessed community.

Denise To, secretary general of the Minnesota Family Church

Within six months from the groundbreaking ceremony, the Minnesota Family Church succeeded in building a new church. On December 9, we held our grand opening with about two hundred people in attendance. A lot of preparation went into the opening but could not have done anything without the help of each family member. Everyone's continued prayers, hopes and commitments have brought us all together as one community. Keith Anderson offered the opening prayer with tears over the thought of more than twenty thousand hours of work being put into building the place. As he shed tears in his prayer, he reminisced about each worker that helped put up the walls, connect the electrical wires—down to laying the concrete floors that made this place a reality. Jim Gavin emceed the event with enthusiasm and passion. Rev. Jim Bard, Minnesota state pastor for seventeen years before retiring in 2013, gave a synopsis of the building history—where Minnesota started and how far we have come, including the time when Dr. Ki Hoon Kim was the district pastor in Minnesota. Finally, Dr. Kim gave the sermon and reported about the works of True Mother. Before arriving in Minnesota, Dr. Kim reminded True Mother about what was happening and why he was traveling here. He asked mother if she remembered signing the church rendering to which she replied, "How can I forget, I didn't want to sign it but you made me." To hear that True Mother loves the members of Minnesota and the USA is so wonderful.

Twenty-one days ago we started a prayer devotional commitment. We did hoondokhae and forty bows to prepare our spirits, hearts and minds. We read from the first Anthology book, "Global Unity through True Parents." One day, we read that True Mother had said, "We have to quickly show the world that the Unification Church is alive and well and growing continuously. We must have people seek us out on their own.... It is necessary to ensure that groups can come seeking us on their own and then be connected. We cannot postpone this further."

These words resonated with me. I do feel a sense of urgency and I have personally witnessed to people who randomly walked through the front doors to see this place even before the grand opening day. Several people have come in through our doors to find out what this building is all about; several people have already asked to rent this place for their church service, and several people unknowingly walked in on the day of the grand opening to see the building.

We hope that this building can be a place where God and True Parents can dwell. We hope to create an environment that is welcoming and loving so that anyone can feel at home here. We hope to move forward as sons and daughters, brothers and sisters that True Parents can be proud of and hope that our future descendants can live happily.

– Keiko Foss, Minnesota, Kodan leader

The Minnesota Family Church celebrated our Grand Opening dedication ceremony. Dr. Kim represented True Parents in blessing the building and the community. I am so grateful to have a wonderful leader, Rev. Ha, who has led the twenty-one-day sincere prayer commitment to offer this church to Heavenly




The Minnesota family celebrates its substantial success in having completed the first FFWPU church building.

Parent and True Parents for the victory of Vision 2020. Our Minnesota community brothers and sisters are so united in love and sacrifice to attend True Parents. I can see the beauty of the teamwork in our community. The ones who have talents and abilities poured everything they have into designing and constructing this building. There is no doubt that we can bring great results to fulfill our portion of responsibility by 2020. I am so happy and proud to have such a beautiful brand new church.

– Rev. Hiroshi Inose, director of HSA-UWC Kodan

I am so grateful to have participated in the Grand Opening and dedication ceremony of the Minnesota Family Church held on December 9. I truly felt Heavenly Parent express joy by pouring love out to the Minnesota Family Church members. All the participants experienced a day surrounded by joy, hope and love. Dr. Kim’s message deeply moved me. He said, “This church is the church where Heavenly Parent and True Parents made a safe settlement. This is a house of God and our house. We can see the kingdom of heaven on earth and we can experience it.... This is a church where first-, second- and third-generation members offered devotions together.”

I firmly believe that Dr. Kim planted victory in the Minnesota Church through this dedication ceremony. Dr. Kim referred to the victories of True Mother’s world tour and testified that True Mother poured out Heavenly Parent’s heart and love as God’s only daughter with pride and dignity, devoting herself every second of every day with all her soul. She made enormous sacrifices and did devotions to offer the great victory of this world tour to Heavenly Parent. We were able to feel deeply the abundant heart and love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents through Dr. Kim’s message. True love surrounded the entire church. Japanese members held a meeting the day before the dedication ceremony, and I was able to listen to the testimonies of brothers and sisters. I heard testimonies of the twenty-one-day, two-hour prayer and forty-bow condition. Some of the Japanese sisters said Rev. Ha’s prayers were filled with Heavenly Parent and True Parents’ deep heart and love. It was truly a time of blessing and inspiration. Many stated that it was such a blessing and they felt so happy to have such a wonderful leader and to be able to work with him.

I also heard testimonies of overcoming many challenges and hardships through the unity of first- and second-generation members. I was so impressed to hear brothers and sisters who had studied design helped create the modern design, structure and function of the new building. I felt the success of the Minnesota church building was due to the unity of heart created by Dr. Kim, who followed what True Mother said. I realized the greatness of True Mother and that when we unite with True Mother’s teachings and put them into action, miracles can happen. Through visiting Minnesota, I received a great blessing and I was able to make a new determination for the victory of Heavenly America. 

Global Preparation of IAPD, a Chronology

This article traces the course of development of IAPD from its origin to its founding in nations around the world. The article may not contain every nation that has thus far established IAPD, in part because reports in English sometimes do not emerge for some time after the founding.

The words “peace and development” are often paired, because the absence of peace—war and lesser conflicts, which are prevalent—are stunting progress in nations throughout the world. According to David Cortright, director of Policy Studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, the opposite is true as well, “All the standard indicators of economic development, including per capita income, economic growth rates, levels of trade and investment and degree of market openness, are significantly correlated with peace. Virtually every study on the causes of war finds a strong connection between low income and the likelihood of armed conflict.” True Parents’ introduction of IAPD into the pantheon of Unificationist organizations seems to indicate hands-on involvement in solving woes that plague the yet-to-be-restored world.

Seeking a culture of peace

The Universal Peace Federation and the American Clergy Leadership Council founded the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) at the 2017 Interreli-



gious Leadership Conference on November 13 in Seoul. On that day, Dr. Thomas Walsh served as the moderator. Dr. Michael Jenkins, the national co-chairman of ACLC, read True Father’s historic statement calling for a religious component to the United Nations, an interreligious council, to serve in the role of a senate. Father had first recommended this at Assembly 2000, held under the motto, “Renewing the United Nations and Building a Culture of Peace” on August 18, in a conference room within the United Nations Headquarters Building in New York City. A short excerpt follows:

One of the reasons I founded the Interreligious and International Federation of World Peace was to

help create an interreligious assembly to serve as a senate or council within the United Nations. To implement this plan, I propose that each nation, in addition to its current ambassador, send a religions ambassador to the United Nations to serve as a member of the religious assembly, or UN senate. The mission of the representatives to this UN senate requires that they have a genuinely ecumenical or interreligious consciousness and that they have the training and ability to teach a universal, trans-national ideal of peace.

Following Rev. Jenkins, a US evangelical Christian, a Swedish Buddhist and an Indian Muslim prayed and then an even wider spectrum of faith leaders made statements of support for the new organization before signing the resolution. The resolution launching IAPD places a strong emphasis on the influential power of religion, the authority of religious leaders and the responsibility of religious people to effect extreme and much needed changes in the world. “We affirm the unique and essential role that religions are called to play in bringing about a

world of lasting peace, a world in which people of all nationalities, ethnicities, races, cultures and worldviews live together in mutual respect, harmony and cooperation as one family under God.”

Of the launch, Dr. Walsh’s commented, “We experienced an enormous outpouring that indicates a hunger and a need for the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development... The word “development” in IAPD indicates that we are not merely engaged in dialogue, but we are advocating and working for development at all levels—individual moral and spiritual development; development of strong, healthy, loving families; good, stable communities without drugs, crime and poverty; restored nations that are peaceful and prosperous; and sustainable development that includes preservation of our environment while also bringing an end to hunger, poverty and conflict. We have been awakened. We are ready to march forward and get to work.

IAPD as it develops

Quite often, we found an organization in Korea, the homeland of our faith, and gradually the organization begins to develop a worldwide presence, sprouting in different nations as our members there assess their legal boundaries and other considerations before founding a local branch. On April 28, this year, UPF and FFWPU in Côte d’Ivoire founded a chapter of IAPD. The event attracted more than three hundred people. Religious figures, traditional chiefs, those active in NGOs and UPF ambassadors for peace took part in the founding.

The following day, two hundred religious leaders and scholars launched IAPD for Europe and the Middle East in Vienna, Austria, at an International Leadership Conference, which took place in the days leading up to the Vienna 2018 Peace Starts with Me event. Archbishop Johannes Ndanga was one

of the speakers that day. This is a portion of what he said:

The twentieth and twenty-first centuries have seen the rapid development of science and technology especially in the fields of communication and transportation bringing humanity closer to one another in an unprecedented way. The global village concept is today more tangible than ever. However this globalization has come with its own loss as social ailments are easily carried from one country or community to the next. We all are aware that our world is immersed in deep suffering. Conflicts are still occurring in all corners of the world. Evil and



injustice continue to afflict humanity. Many people are suffering in despair and spiritual poverty, even in materially advanced nations.

Many people are seeking solace through drugs and indiscriminate sex; they are running headlong down the road to spiritual and physical ruin. Obviously, nobody desires a world of such evil, conflict and despair.

Another challenge is the ever-increasing inequality between developed and undeveloped nations. The lack of willingness to share technology and the control of the market price of raw materials and natural resources has made capitalism a system characterized by selfish individualism...

The time has come for religions to take leadership in the world. Leadership cannot emerge from blind faith or an arrogant, self-righteous attitude stemming from narrow-mindedness. True leadership arises when the subordinates want to submit to the will of Heaven intrinsically. It is time for religious people to step up and accept responsibility for the conditions of this age and including its unprincipled facets and to examine themselves deeply. Religious people need to repent for their failure to exemplify the practice of love and for being engrossed in their personal salvation or the interests of their own religious denomination. Therefore, they failed to invest entirely for the salvation of humankind.

This age requires the practice of love, not only faith. God is calling us. He passionately wants to challenge injustice and evil in the world and express his true love. All religions need to be of one mind in making known and actualizing God’s fervent hope for humanity. God transcends all rituals and doctrines, which have led to disputes between believers. He desires that we raise our spirits through profound spiritual dialog and exchange with him... Religious leaders of all creeds need to take the lead in self-discipline and with mutual respect for one another build an influential interreligious organization.

Taipei to Vienna

Taiwan, part of the Greater China Region, established both the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) and IAPD on May 19. The launching ceremonies attracted a hundred and eighty political and religious figures. Legislators, members of the Taipei City Council and the president of the Buddhist Youth Association were among those that supported



the launch of the two organizations.

In Geneva, Switzerland, on May 31, at the World Council of Churches offices, Swiss members met to discuss the purpose, the possible structure and the particular significance of establishing a chapter of IAPD in their nation. A Christian theologian, Dr. Elmar Kuhn, secretary general of "Christian Solidarity International-Austria" for the right of religious freedom and dialogue of religions and dean of the class "world religions" at the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, thought the discussion was so important he traveled from Austria to participate in it. He had attended the inaugural event in Vienna.

On June 21, in Port Vila, Republic of Vanuatu, an island nation 1,090 miles (1,175 km) off the coast of Australia, the guest of honor at the founding of IAPP was minister of Climate Change Ham Lini, who had been prime minister (2004–2008). Around seventy people attended the two-day workshop at which IAPP began.

On September 18, the Swiss did launch their national chapter in the Ecumenical Center of Geneva during a joint WFWP–UPF conference. Ms. Carolyn Handschin, European president of WFWP, asked four people to first state actions steps for the new organization. Her husband Heiner, among the four, suggested finding an office, launching a website and expanding connections with various local and international partners.

On September 21, the UN International Day of Peace, UPF and

WFWP in Italy held a conference under the patronage of the Italian Senate, "The Right to Peace: Italy Bridge of Peace for a Stronger and Stable Europe." It took place in the *Sala Zuccari* (Zuccari Hall) named after Federico Zuccari (1539–1609) who painted frescoes on its ceiling depicting five episodes in the life of biblical King Solomon. In that luscious setting, Giuseppe Cali, UPF coordinator for Southern Europe, introduced IAPD. He described IAPP as a means of going beyond tolerance and understanding and moving toward acting to resolve conflicts and to achieve mutual prosperity.

Eight days later, UPF-Ecuador inaugurated IAPD at the Peace Embassy in Quito beginning with a water ceremony, symbolic of the unity of religions. Metropolitan Archbishop Chrysostmos Celi of the Orthodox Church, who is president of the National Council for Freedom of Religious Equality of Ecuador (CONALIR) and Bishop Abraham Sarabia of the Orthodox Church, other Christian pastors, Catholic missionaries and several Jewish people were on hand to launch the organization.

The Europe and Middle East Region established an IAPD office in Vienna on October 18 within Peace Museum Vienna, which seeks to inspire people by informing them about heroic peacemakers. Dr. Ali Ahmad is the director of Peace Museum Vienna. Peter Haider, president of UPF-Austria, took charge of the event and Dr. Michael Balcomb, regional chair of UPF in Europe and the Middle East spoke. The office will oversee IAPD

activities not in Austria alone but throughout their vast region as other national chapters open.

Kiev to New York

The following day, three hundred people were on hand in Kiev, Ukraine, as IAPP came to life during a conference titled "Toward Interdependence and Mutual Prosperity: The Role of Public, Youth and Spiritual Leaders," which UPF and the Ukrainian Peace Council held. Volodymyr Novokhatsky of the Kiev Prosecutor's Office (and deputy head of Ukraine's Peace Council) conveyed congratulations to everyone from Leonid Kravchuk, president of Ukraine (1991–1994) whom True Father had met during one of his speaking tours. Rev. Dr. Igor Onyshchuk, an archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, who spoke at ILC 2018 in Seoul, became a UPF ambassador for peace.

Dr. Milan Ratna Shakya, a professor and head of the Department of Buddhist Studies at Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu, is chair of IAPD, the founding of which took place in the exquisite Yak and Yeti Hotel in Kathmandu on October 28. On hand were 148 people as Rabindra Prasad Adhikari, minister of culture, tourism and civil aviation and the honored guest at the event struck a gong as did Dr. Chung Sik Yong, chairman of UPF-Asia-Pacific and Ek Nath Dhakal, a former government minister and a devoted Unificationist.

The chief imam over all imam organizations; Dr. Umar Ahmed Ilyasi, the executive vice president



of the International Buddhist Confederation, Ven. Lama Lobzang; and Rev. R. R. Bhaskar, a Christian, were the religious figures who spoke at the founding of IAPD in multi-religious India in New Delhi, on November 3.

On November 7, in the Morocco Room of the Parliament of the Kingdom of Morocco, Habib El Malki, president of the House of Representatives, led the inaugural meeting of IAPD-Morocco. Leaders of all political parties were on hand. Mrs. Erna Hennicot-Schoepges, co-chair of IAPP in Europe and

former president of the parliament of Luxembourg, spoke, as did Dr. Walsh. Taj Hamad, UPF vice president, was among those who made brief comments.

On the same day, 10,424 miles (16,775.8 km) away in Lima, Peru, at an event that included the conferring of the status of ambassador for peace upon religious figures, the founding of the same benevolent organization took place. Afterward, Mrs. Faith Jones, president of WF-WP-Peru gave her personal life testimony to an audience that featured prominent religious

figures of various faiths.

On November 12, three hundred people of faith, and civic leaders, some of whom have known True Parents for decades, completed a three-day conference, Overcoming Division, Building Unity, at the New Yorker Hotel. Before heading out to Nassau Colosseum to hear True Mother speak to thousands of people at the Peace Starts with Me rally, they solemnly established their national chapter of IAPD. *TP*

A True Peace magazine staff member wrote this article.

THOUGHTS ON THE INTERRELIGIOUS ASSOCIATION FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

Mind-Body unity was certainly one of True Father's favorite speech topics, especially in the mid-1970s when I had the privilege and opportunity to hear him speak so often at the Belvedere Estate in New York. Although Father stressed the importance of disciplining the mind to be the subject partner over the body, he never recommended an entirely ascetic path, either for individuals or societies. God wants us to fulfill all three blessings, not just the first.

Similarly, the introduction to the Divine Principle tells us that the path of science, economy and politics is not enough, but also criticizes religions for being isolated divisive. Communism certainly erred by ignoring the spiritual and presuming that the ideal society could be built by hard work (preferably by others!) and political action. But religion is criticized too: much prayer and study without real action in the physical, real world will not get the Kingdom of God built either.

Our Western societies are in deep trouble. The United States is more divided than I can ever remember, with almost no evidence of a willingness to compromise in Washington or anywhere else. Here in Britain and Europe we are still arguing about Brexit. Violence is breaking out in France.

Many would agree that it would be a fine thing if our religious leaders would speak truth to power. On the other hand, the religious leaders are easily sidetracked into theological and doctrinal issues and need the discipline and focus that can come from engaging with real world issues such as poverty, injustice and challenges to the environment. No one seems to have an answer to the breakdown of the family, immorality and the radicalization of young people.

I see the two organizations recently established by True Mother, the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace and the International Association for Peace and Development, for spiritual leaders, as being a new approach and solution to this age old challenge. We have found enthusiasm for this model both in the postmodern societies of Western Europe and the Muslim nations of North Africa and the Middle East. Just like a mother encouraging her children to do well in school but also to invest time and energy in the wellbeing of others, with these two institutions, True Mother is trying to bring out the best of both the mind and body in society. *TP*

Dr. Michael Balcomb, chairman of the Europe Region Group, is the author of the views expressed in this box.



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