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God Will Call for Me Soon

From the time I could understand words, my maternal grandmother, Jo Won-mo, consistently taught me one thing, "God is your Father." She went so far as to say, "Your mother is like your nanny who is raising you as God's daughter." Since I had been surrounded by an atmosphere of faith even while in my mother's womb, I accepted this without a second thought. When I heard the word "God," my heart would open unreservedly and fill with warmth.

My mother did not mind investing herself body and soul for the purpose of raising me to reject secular life and follow God's way. She lived with single-minded devotion in absolute unity with and obedience to God. After joining the Unification Church, our family moved to Seoul, where she worked even harder to protect me from the world's temptations. As a result of her dedication, God allowed me to see myself as a noble crane.

Even as an adolescent in middle school,

I poured my heart into quiet reading and study. I attended the Sungjung Girls Middle School, located in Sajik-dong of Seoul's Jongno district. Situated at the southern foot of Mount Inwang, it was a small school that always seemed to be bathed in sunlight. From the moment of its founding, that school shared in the suffering of the Korean people. It was established in May 1950, but had to close its doors less than a month later due to the Korean War. After the war, the school reopened and, true to its mission, the school prepared many girls to become talented women who would help build a prosperous country. In 1981, the school moved to the Eunpyeong district of Seoul, and in 1984, its name was changed to Sunjung Girls' Middle School. Our Tongil Group acquired this school in 1987 and brought it into the Sunhak Education Foundation. I have continued to give it support and attention.

In middle school I spoke little and developed a calm personality. I studied hard and always ranked at the top of my



class. I was pretty and modest and, as I was also quiet and well-behaved, I received love and attention from my teachers. My school life was uneventful; I only remember that I missed a day or two of school in the first year when I became quite sick. In my second and third years, I received an award for earning the highest grades in my class. I preferred to read in a quiet spot and listen to music rather than engage in social life or sports. My hobby was drawing. I enjoyed art and had some talent but set aside the possibility of becoming a professional artist.

For all three years of middle school I was the class representative on the student council, and in the third year I was the head of the student activities committee. I led many student activities, and this awakened my leadership abilities. One day when the entire school was gathered, I went to the podium and announced the decisions of the student council. The teachers complimented me on my poise and confident attitude. After

witnessing this side of me, which they had not seen before, one teacher commented, "Hak-ja seems gifted ... I thought she was just quiet and docile, but actually she shows good leadership skills."

During adolescence, I didn't worry about my life or losing my way. I credit this to my grandmother and mother instilling in me a deep faith in God and the habit of living in attendance to God. My mother, in particular, strictly guided my life of faith. Yes, there were times when I thought it difficult and wearisome, but I am grateful now, for it prepared me to blossom as the Only Begotten Daughter of God who one day would meet the Returning Messiah.

Within that atmosphere, I grew roots of unshakable faith. I read a lot. I enjoyed reading tales of the saints, and particularly *The Good Earth*, by Pearl S. Buck. The characters in that book struggle against nature and fate. The story helped me realize that ultimately, we must return to nature's

embrace, represented in that book by the earth. It is human nature to cling to God's embrace. I earnestly wished to be together with God, and for that reason I devoured songs and novels about the love of one's hometown.

I knew from a young age that God is my Father, and naturally connected everything I read to God. I cut off entirely from the harsh secular world and lived a chaste life as if I were a nun. I was aware that a higher power was guiding me, that my path had been prepared by Heaven. Especially during this time, the Bible was my close companion. I cried myself to sleep many nights after reading about God's history of creation, the tragic Fall, and the work of salvation carried out through historical figures who took responsibility at the behest of Heaven. I learned how they sacrificed themselves, and realized that humanity had been created to be loved as the children of God. After reading about God's bitter history and desire to embrace us, even though we bring so much pain and sadness, it was not just once or twice that I lay awake, unable to sleep, my heart aching to comfort the heart of God. I naturally continued to ponder ever more deeply what Rev. Moon had said to me about sacrifice. The question, "What can I sacrifice for God?" was shaping my life.

By the time I entered high school, the war had ended. During the postwar years, the

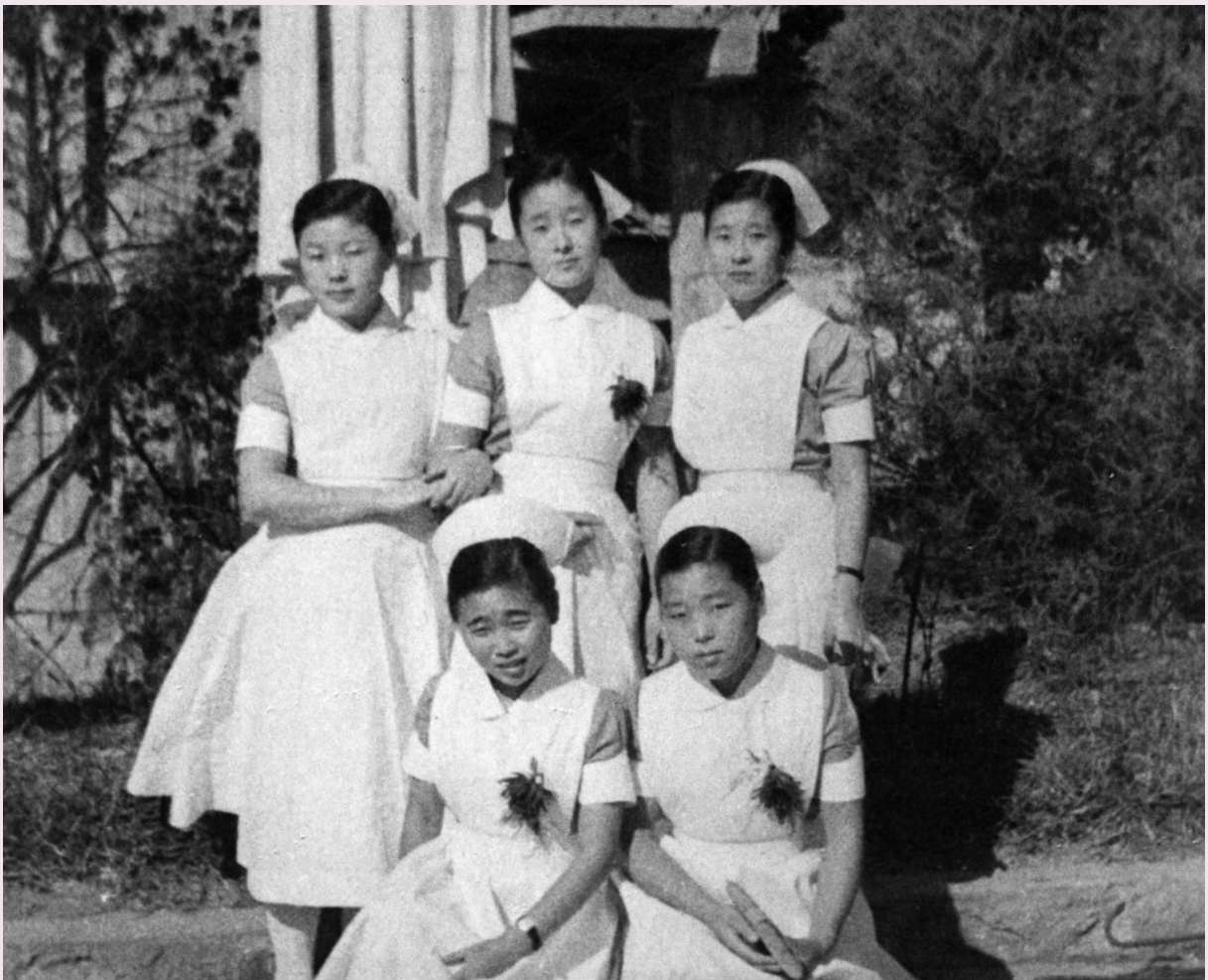
streets of Seoul were full of the wounded. Numerous children, including war orphans, were suffering from hunger and disease. Few people were able to get timely treatment when they became sick. I wanted to heal people's injuries, relieve their pain, and guide them to a brighter world. As it was time for me to enter high school, in the spring of 1959 I entered St. Joseph's Nursing School.

Without sacrifice and service, one cannot even begin to think one is living for the sake of others rather than for oneself. As I strictly cultivated my faith from a young age, I cherished a dream deep within my heart. That dream was to liberate my Heavenly Parent who, throughout history, had given everything for the salvation of humanity. I wished to free God from the chains of our fallen history.

We cannot meet God from a position where we are reigning over others. God seeks us out when we are silently working for the sake of those in greater difficulty than ourselves. I came to understand that when we think about God's Will from the lower position, from the position of offering and self-sacrifice, that is what will wash away God's bitter pain and allow us to feel God's presence with us. *☩*

This message is excerpted from Chapter 3 of True Mother's Memoir, *Mother of Peace*.

When I placed myself
in an even humbler position
and reflected on God's Will and sorrow,
I already knew that
God would surely come to me.



In March 1959, True Mother (center of the second row) entered Saint Joseph School of Nursing, the predecessor of the Department of Nursing at Catholic University in Seoul. The following year, on the 16th day of the 3rd lunar month in 1960, she and True Father became the True Parents through their Holy Wedding. From that time on, she has walked the lifelong course of True Parents for the liberation of Heavenly Parent, the salvation of humanity, and the establishment of a world of peace.

Global 2026 New Year Prayer Gathering

Leaders and Blessed Families from around Korea and across the globe gathered at the Cheongshim Peace World Center and online on the evening of 11.12 by the heavenly calendar in the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk (31 Dec 2025) for the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Family Federation for World Peace and Unification 2026 New Year Prayer Gathering.

The gathering, which began at 10:30 PM Korea time and continued until 1:00 AM, was convened to welcome the new year with gratitude to Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and to reaffirm the unity

and renewed determination of the Family Federation community as it set forth on a new beginning.

Prayer Gathering Order of Service: (1) Opening Praise (2) Video (3) Opening Declaration Gyeongbae (4) Family Pledge (5) Prayer of Gratitude (6) Hyojeong Offering Ceremony (7) Year-end Address (8) Hyojeong Praise (9) New Year Silent Prayer (10) New Year Message (11) Prayer and Praise (12) Resolution Hymn (13) Gyeongbae (14) Closing Declaration.

With Seo In-guk, Secretary-General of the World Mission Headquarters, serving as the MC for the event, the prayer gathering opened with praise offered





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① Seo In-guk, Secretary-General of the World Mission Headquarters, presiding over the program ② Yamada Yutaka, President of the Heavenly Asia-Pacific Continent, and Hori Masayuki, President of Heavenly Japan, offering prayers during the praise and prayer service ③ Song Yong-cheon, President of FFWPU Heavenly Korea, offering the prayer of gratitude ④ Lee Gi-seong, President of Cheongshim Won, delivering the year-end address ⑤ Ken Doo, Director-General of the World Mission Headquarters, delivering the New Year's message ⑦ Participants offering a unison prayer with one heart



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by the Cheonmyeong Praise Team and the viewing of a commemorative video. The video provided those who had gathered the opportunity to reflect on their journey of faith and renew their resolve as blessed families walking together with True Parents in the fulfillment of God's Will.

In his prayer of gratitude, Rev. Song Yong-cheon, President of FFWPU Heavenly Korea, expressed his hope that blessed families worldwide would fulfill their responsibility as a chosen people united with True Parents. He prayed that individuals, families, and communities would advance toward a more upright and righteous way of life, standing firmly as trustworthy sons and daughters before Heaven.

Following this, the Hyojeong Offering Papers, containing the hopes and resolutions of blessed families worldwide, were presented before Heaven. In this meaningful moment, blessed families gave gratitude and glory to True Parents for bestowing this grace and pledged to fulfill their responsibility before Heaven as chosen people.

In his year-end address, Rev. Lee Gi-seong, President of Cheonshim Won, reflected on how the Cheonshim Won night vigils held during the past year, together with the heartfelt devotion of members around the world, had bound the community together as one. He emphasized that when we unite upon the victorious tradition of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, the power to open a new era becomes ever clearer. He concluded by encouraging all members to become one in spirit and truth throughout 2026 and to move forward together toward the new age.

The program then continued with prayer and praise

led by Missionary Moon Shin-heung and the UPA Praise Team. They first offered a medley of holy songs, followed by additional selections including "The Lamp of Heaven," "How Great Thou Art," and "O Holy." Speaking before the praise songs, Missionary Moon Shin-heung encouraged blessed families to take pride in their calling, proclaiming, "In the year of the red horse, the *byeongo* year, let us cross the vast fields of darkness, illuminate Heaven's providence, and open the era of Cheon Il Guk."

At the stroke of midnight marking the close of the year 2025 and the start of 2026, True Parents' New Year's message resounded throughout the Cheongshim Peace World Center to usher in the dawn of the new year.

In the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk, when we attend the Creator Heavenly Parent substantially, let us, the blessed families around the world, become true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk who fulfill our responsibility as the chosen people in unity with True Parents!

Blessed families inscribed True Parents' New Year's message upon their hearts, offered repentance for the past, and renewed their determination for a new beginning. With a firm resolve to fulfill their filial devotion before Heavenly Parent and True Parents, they opened the year 2026 with faith and hope.

In his 2026 New Year message, Rev. Ken Doo, Director-General of the World Mission Headquarters, offered greetings for the new year and urged members to embrace it as a year of responsibility and wholehearted practice, emphasizing the importance of education and the Blessing. He went on to speak



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about attending Heavenly Parent in daily life and encouraged the global family to move forward with one heart, firmly walking the providential course.

The program then continued with a praise and prayer session led by missionaries Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung. The praise team offered songs including “In the Embrace of Parents,” “O My Little Lamb,” and “The Blessing.” Alongside these songs, prayers were offered by representatives, uniting the community’s hopes and resolutions for the new year into one heart.

Yutaka Yamada, Continental Director of FFWPU Heavenly Asia Pacific, prayed that members would walk with Heaven to the very end with unwavering faith and devotion, and that, united as one, Heavenly Parent’s Will might be fulfilled within their families,

their societies, and throughout the world.

Both onsite and online participants then joined together in a unison resonating prayer, gathering their hearts as one for the new year. This was followed by songs of resolution, as they joined in singing “*We Love You, Parents*” and “*Monarch Butterfly*,” offering heartfelt gratitude and their filial love to Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Thus, the 2026 New Year Prayer Gathering concluded as a holy moment bridging the close of one year and the dawn of the next. Blessed families worldwide renewed their commitment to live centered on Heavenly Parent and True Parents and strengthened their determination to step boldly into a new era. 



① Presenting the Hyojeong Offering Papers ② Missionaries Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung leading the praise and prayer service ③ A panoramic view of Cheongshim Peace World Center, where the New Year’s Prayer Gathering was held



The Chosen People United with True Parents, True Sons and Daughters of Cheon Il Guk Who Fulfill Their Responsibility!

Beloved Blessed Families and Members around the world!
The New Year of 2026, the *Byeongo* Year (丙午年), is dawning. As we welcome the New Year, I sincerely pray that the grace and blessings of our Heavenly Parent will be abundant upon you, your families, and the foundations of your lives. The year 2026 is the Year of the Red Horse. With the vibrant energy of fire (火) combined with the dynamic vitality of the horse, we anticipate a year filled with overflowing energy and momentum.

At the beginning of 2025, the True Parents proclaimed the New Year's motto that will be handed down for generations to come, starting from Cheon Il Guk Year 13:

In the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk, when we attend the Creator Heavenly Parent substantially, let us, the blessed families around the world, become true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk who fulfill our responsibility as the chosen people in unity with True Parents!

Through this motto for the year, True Parents clearly revealed the three core elements of the providence that will continue from the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk onward for generations.

First, they proclaimed that the providential age is one in which we attend and live together with the Creator, our Heavenly Parent, in substantial ways.

Second, they defined our identity as the chosen people united with the True Parents.

Third, they clarified our mission as becoming the true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk who fulfill the responsibility of the chosen people.

This motto is not a message limited to the year 2025 alone; it remains a living request from Heaven for the New Year of 2026, the Year of the Red (Fire)

Horse. At this time, I hope we can once again deeply engrave in our hearts the love and earnest urgency of the True Parents contained within it, and I would like to share reflections on these three points.

First: The Providential Age

Last year, through the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum Entrance Ceremony, Heavenly Parent, as the owner of the universe, reclaimed the rightful position to fully embrace and love all of God's sons and daughters. Accordingly, the original order based on the principles of creation was established, and, in the name of Holy Mother Han, the gates of the kingdom of heaven of Cheon Il Guk were opened wide.

We have now entered the age in which blessed families are called to embody the life of the earthly kingdom of heaven—attending in substance and living together with Heavenly Parent at the individual, family, and tribal levels. On October 28, speaking from the detention center, True Mother once again made clear, "The responsibility of the chosen people is to attend Heavenly Parent."

Second: Our Identity

All blessed families are the chosen people united with the True Parents. As a chosen people selected and established by Heaven for the completion of the providence, they are providential partners who have been creating a new history together since Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day.

Regarding the identity of blessed families as the

chosen people, True Mother spoke as follows:

Although the internal and external conditions for the settlement of Cheon Il Guk have now been prepared, the people have not yet reached the level Heaven desires. Then why has witnessing been blocked? The reason is that we have not become model true families who are practicing true love. We must show the world true families that live together with God. Where there is true love, people sense its fragrance and are naturally drawn toward it. If I really become a true person and am transformed by true love, I can exert a great and positive influence on families, tribes, nations, and countries.

(True Mother, March 7, 2023, Hawaii)

On November 4, even while at the detention center, Mother once again earnestly urged, “Only the True Family Movement can bring about world peace.”

Third: Our Mission

True Parents are continually encouraging the blessed families to become the true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk who fulfill the responsibility of the chosen people. The essence of the mission of the chosen blessed families is to stand as the children of the direct lineage of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, living as the true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk.

True sons and daughters are those who attend Heavenly Parent and True Parents, become one with them, and live together with them in every aspect of life. To do so, we must share the same will, the same thoughts, and the same heart and purpose.

The era following the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum Entrance Ceremony is one in which blessed families must earnestly and substantially assume their responsibility. That responsibility can be summarized in two areas: education and the Blessing.

Therefore, we are the ones entrusted with the responsibility to convey the truth about Holy Mother Han to the world. Educating the people in the *Chambumo Ron* and the *Great Epic of the Chosen Han People of Korea* is a solemn charge Heaven has placed upon us. The True Love movement and True Family movement must begin with each of us and be fulfilled through our own lives. In doing so, we will firmly establish our identity, testify through our lives to the essence of




blessed families, and convey that to the world. This is the blessing and grace Heaven has bestowed upon us.

True Mother has earnestly urged us to work together to create an era in which the truth is clearly revealed and recorded for history. Although True Mother is not physically present with us at this time, we must move forward through the coming year with one united heart—praying for the well-being and victorious return of Holy Mother Han, True Mother, together with Missionaries Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung, whom she has established as the Cheon Il Guk Inheritors of Heaven’s Love and Blessing.

The image of True Mother walking the path of tribulation alone in detention is, in essence, the image of Heavenly Mother and of Heavenly Parent. When small drops of water fall steadily upon a single spot, they can pierce even solid rock. When those drops gather, they form rivers that flow into the vast ocean. When the small devotions and love of the chosen blessed families unite in this way, the well-being of Holy Mother Han, True Mother, will be safeguarded, and the time of her victorious return will be hastened. The peaceful ideal world of one human family attending Heavenly Parent will also be realized.

In the New Year 2026, may the grace and blessings of Heavenly Parent abound in your families and throughout your lives.

Thank you. 

2026: A Year to Offer Victory Before Heaven



Koichi Sasaki
Vice Continental Director,
South America

Warm New Year's greetings to you all. As we welcomed the new year, brothers and sisters around the world came together for the New Year Prayer Gathering, centering on Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Amid that tremendous grace, we set forth with renewed determination for 2026. Guided by the words and songs of the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing, the global family became one—offering the year to Heavenly Parent and embracing new hope as we entered the new year.

Through this prayer gathering, we were reminded once again that we must become ever more united with True Parents for the settlement of Cheon Il Guk. We engraved in our hearts the teaching that we must live with the same will, thought, heart, and purpose as True Parents, showing the world the model of true families filled with true love—families whose fragrance draws others near. We also renewed our awareness of the responsibility we have, as blessed families, to fulfill the mission of witnessing and bringing people to the Blessing in the providential era following the dedication of Cheon Won Gung and the Cheon Il Sanctum.

Personally, I used this time to reflect on my shortcomings, to repent deeply, and to renew my resolve to stand responsibly facing the providence ahead. In prayer, I recalled True Mother's repeated words over the years, "The chosen people must fulfill their responsibility. The fate of a failed chosen people is miserable." I also felt strongly that we must change—for without change, neither the salvation of the world nor our own growth can be successfully achieved.

From a providential perspective, our repentance is not limited to the providence in recent times, but also reaches back into the past, extending to the national responsibilities we have not fully borne, including our mission as heavenly tribal messiahs. True Parents have triumphed through the eight vertical and horizontal stages and bequeathed that victorious authority to us in the form of the heavenly tribal messiah mission. As True Father said, "The path of the tribal messiah is a destiny," this mission is unavoidable. In his final prayer, True Father expressed his desire that all blessed families achieve victory as tribal messiahs and connect that victory to their nation.

Now, we are being registered before Heaven as Cheonbo families, and striving to fulfill our

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mission of guiding spiritual children to the Blessing. True Parents have said, "The victories of the tribal messiahs must be horizontally connected to save the nation. Therefore, the end goal of the tribal messiah mission is not merely the tribe but the nation." On this foundation, Heaven's providence calls us to convey Heavenly Parent's Word to one-third of humanity and advance toward a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world.

True Mother has reminded us, "The Creator's dream was to live on earth as True Parents, embracing all the world's children. The dedication of Cheon Won Gung was a crucial step toward realizing that dream. Now is the era when the Creator, Heavenly Parent, dwells in substance with those children in love. Humanity must move forward as one family. Let us work diligently in each region, witnessing and spreading the Word." And finally, she encouraged us powerfully, "Let us labor together! Victory is always on Heaven's side!"


True Mother, with unwavering conviction that, "in time, the truth will surely be revealed," continues on the path of sacrifice, enduring with layer upon layer of patience. As this fallen world

reaches its limits and the time draws near when the truth will be revealed to all, we must fulfill our portion of responsibility and achieve victory in witnessing and in the Blessing.

Until now, we have offered tears of repentance and devotion. Upon that foundation, it is now time to bear the tangible fruits of witnessing and the Blessing. Let us transform all sorrow and repentance into a firm resolve for victory, so that 2026 may truly be a year in which we, as Heaven's chosen people and blessed families, offer victory before Heaven.

Our hope is True Mother, and the ones who are being called to take up her path of the Will are the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing. Though the path until now has not been easy, I am certain that if we move forward in complete unity with True Mother in 2026, victory is assured.

As we greet the new year, let us renew our hearts, be filled with hope and resolve, and dedicate ourselves so that through victory and substantial results, we may bring joy to Heavenly Parent and True Parents. May Heaven's blessings be with all members around the world.

Thank you. 

Interview with elder sister Moon Nan-young of the 430 Couples

Seventy Years on a Path of Hope

This is the story of a student of English and biblical theology who would one day emerge as a global leader, traveling across continents to advance women's movements and peace initiatives. At every turning point of history, she walked in step with True Parents, embracing a 70-year journey of faith. The life of our elder sister Moon Nan-young stands as a treasured testament to how women of the Unification movement have helped shape the cause of world peace. Through this interview, True Peace Magazine seeks to illuminate the providential path she has walked and, within it, to reflect upon the life course of True Parents as revealed through her journey.

Faith Found on the Path of Refuge

When the Korean War broke out, our family fled south from the North. Yet not all of us were able to make the journey together. Along the way, we were separated from my father, and from that moment on we never learned whether he was still alive. After enduring the harsh conditions of a refugee camp our family finally managed to secure a place to live. From then on, my mother would often say, "We have no choice but to rely on God," and she held steadfastly to her faith. Following her example, we children naturally came to seek the church and embrace a life of faith as well.

My mother later taught at Wonju Girls' High School. While accompanying her graduating students to the entrance examination site at Ewha University, she had an unexpected reunion. There, she happened to meet Choi Won-bok, a former classmate from her days at Ewha Professional School, the predecessor to Ewha University. Through this encounter, my mother first heard about the Unification Church, and from that moment our family began to walk a new path.

In 1955, the year I entered my first year of middle school, I accompanied my mother to meet True Father for the first time. The very first thought that came to me was, "How can he resemble my own father so closely?" Since my father had been taken away during the war and we had no news of him, I lived with a



constant longing in my heart. When I saw True Father, a powerful feeling surged within me, as though my own father were standing right before my eyes.

In those days, it was rare to meet someone with the surname Moon, and whenever we did, we naturally regarded one another almost as family. Perhaps because of that, the sense that True Father was like my own father welled up even more deeply and naturally from the very first moment I met him. That realization filled me with profound joy and gratitude.

Hope Unshaken Amid Trials

As the Unification Church began to grow, society branded it a “heresy,” igniting fierce controversy. The expulsion of students from Yonsei University and Ewha University intensified the uproar, and its repercussions reached even our family. At that time, the school where my mother was teaching demanded that my mother choose between her faith and her profession. She responded firmly, “How could I abandon the path of life I fought so hard to discover? I cannot give it up.” Having lost her husband and son while fleeing during the war, and having endured long years sustained only by her faith in God, she could not forsake the very belief that had carried her through.

We children resolved to give her our wholehearted support. We told her, “Even if we must go to an orphanage, we will support you, Mother.” With those words, we affirmed her choice. Thus, my mother left the school, and our family once again lived like refugees. Yet we never regretted that decision. Then something extraordinary happened: the students whom my mother had guided to a life of faith united with one heart and mind to begin building a church. Thus, in 1956, the Wonju Church was founded.

True Parents visited the Wonju Church many times thereafter, each visit bringing us invaluable guidance.

Among those memories, one moment remains indelibly etched in my heart. In those days, when the wounds of war had barely begun to heal and the nation was still burdened with orphans, widows, and deep poverty, True Parents proclaimed, “Now Korea will become the new Jerusalem of peace.” At the time, such a vision seemed almost unimaginable against the stark realities before us. Yet those words became the beacon of hope that carried us forward. For more than 70 years, they have sustained our journey, instilling in us the unwavering conviction that True Parents’ vision would surely be fulfilled.

Women Leading the New Era of Peace

In 1992, True Parents declared that in the era to come, women must take the lead, entrusting them with a new mission. Holding close to my heart their words—“Women must step forward and open the way with true love”—I began walking the path of the women’s movement and the cause of peace. That journey was marked by many moments too profound to fully express in words. One of them was the Korea–Japan Women’s Bridge of Peace Sisterhood initiative. Over the course of a year, women from the two nations—long burdened by a painful history—gathered together on thirty-eight occasions, and 160,000 pairs formed sisterhood bonds. As I watched Korean and Japanese women embrace one another, shedding tears as they opened their hearts, I was overcome with deep emotion and thought to myself, “At last, this day has come.”

Later, True Parents entrusted us with yet another mission: to heal the conflicts and divisions of the Middle East through a mother’s love. At that time, the region was in a perilous state, shaken by repeated suicide bombings. True Parents told us, “We cannot send you sisters alone into such a place. We must also offer our devotion together with you.” I still



① Inaugural Assembly of the Women's Federation for World Peace (April 10, 1992)

② Women's Middle East Peace Conference, Jerusalem, Israel, May 2004



vividly remember how they spent entire days offering devotion alongside us. Upon that foundation of heartfelt devotion, we were able to hold a Peace March in Jerusalem. There, we witnessed a profound and historic scene: Muslim and Jewish women, long divided by conflict, joined hands, shed tears together, and embraced in reconciliation.


To the Future Generation Who Will Open a New Era

Today, inter-Korean relations have once again grown complex, and the situation in the Middle East remains unstable. Yet it is precisely in times like these that I place great hope in our young people. It is the second and third generations—the leaders of tomorrow—who are called to bear fruit upon the foundation laid with the tears and devotion of their elders, while upholding the will of True Parents. For the remainder of my life, I wish to pray for them, encourage them, and support them as they walk the path that Heaven desires.

Recently, Missionaries Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung visited Guri Church and led a praise service. Watching them, I was naturally reminded of Hyo-jin nim. It feels like only yesterday that they

were children, yet now they have grown into leaders, guiding True Parents' global providence. Seeing this filled my heart with deep emotion. And as I reflected, I realized that this year marks the 70th anniversary of my joining the Unification Church.

Looking back, I sense that this moment represents a significant turning point in our movement's 71-year history. Especially at such a time, I believe that if we unite our hearts in devotion and love, we can advance more powerfully in the direction Heaven desires. If we faithfully carry this momentum forward, I am certain that even greater blessings—those Heaven longs to bestow—will surely unfold. Through my theological studies, as I reflected on God's providence for the salvation of humanity, I came to understand that new paths have always been opened in the midst of hardship. For this reason, I often shared messages under the theme, "Heavenly Parent Who Works Through Trials."

As I observe the future generation today, my conviction only deepens. I firmly believe that the more than 70 years of our history will shine ever more brightly, and that the victorious day long awaited by Heaven will surely come. With that faith and a heart full of gratitude, I will continue walking this path. 



Interview with the Cheonmyeong Praise Team, Singing with the Heart of Heaven

The earliest song of praise recorded in the Bible appears in Exodus 15. After crossing the Red Sea, the Israelites offered a song proclaiming God's victory in bringing their deliverance. This moment reveals that praise stands at the heart of worship and serves as a confession of faith. Though the times and forms of worship have changed, the essence of praise as a heartfelt confession to God remains the same. The praise team Cheonmyeong, which left a lasting impression at the recent National Tour Special Worship Services led by the Inheritors of Heaven's Love and Blessing and the 2026 New Year Prayer Gathering, also leads weekly praise services on the campus of Sun Moon University. True Peace Magazine spoke with former team leader Kim Bo-seong and newly appointed leader Park Su-eon to learn more about the message and vision Cheonmyeong seeks to share through their music.

Q. When did the Cheonmyeong praise team begin? What led to its formation?

Su-eon: The team began in 2023, when Missionaries Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung, together with UPA cadets, started holding praise services and campus outreach. We were naturally drawn together by our deep desire to experience Heavenly Parent's heart through praise and to draw closer to God.

Bo-seong: Our name, *Cheonmyeong* (天命), means "those who have received Heaven's mandate." It is a precious name

personally bestowed by True Parents through Missionaries Moon Shin-chul and Moon Shin-heung. Just as the name reflects True Parents' love and blessing, Cheonmyeong carries the mission of expressing, through praise, the indescribably profound heart of Heavenly Parent.

Q. How is the Cheonmyeong praise team currently organized?

Bo-seong: Cheonmyeong is made up of three main teams: the praise team, the media (systems) team, and the sermon



The Cheonmyeong praise team



①② Youth leaders Kim Bo-seong and Park Su-eon, serving as team leaders of the Cheonmyeong praise team ③ The Cheonmyeong praise team offering songs of grace at the Nationwide Special Worship Tour ④ The Cheonmyeong praise team praise at the 2026 New Year's Prayer Gathering

team. In addition, there are smaller teams that handle areas such as promotion, design, and accounting. The number of members changes every semester, but the group typically includes about 13 to 16 members, based on last year's size.

Su-eon: The praise team selects and rehearses the songs for each weekly service, seeking to convey grace through music. The sermon team establishes the theme for each semester and prepares the messages delivered during worship. The media team oversees all technical aspects—such as cameras and sound—ensuring that each service proceeds smoothly from beginning to end. In addition, we have MCs who guide the flow of worship, an accounting team that manages the team's budget and activity funds, and a design and promotions team that creates promotional materials and helps share news of our praise services with the wider campus community.

Q. We understand that Cheonmyeong holds weekly praise services during the semester. What kind of worship service are they?

Su-eon: The Cheonmyeong praise services are the times when we can lay down the worries and concerns we've carried throughout the week and, through praise and prayer, encounter Heavenly Parent and find renewed hope and comfort.

Anyone is welcome to attend—there's no need to register in advance. The praise services are open not only to current students, but also to people from outside the university and even from other regions. For those who can't join us in person, we share a YouTube livestream through an open chat link so people can participate online as well.

Q. With what spirit do you prepare for the weekly praise service?

Bo-seong: For me, the answer always comes down to sincerity. When every step of preparation is carried out with genuine sincerity, that spirit is felt not only through those leading the worship but also through the praise itself. There may be mistakes or moments that fall short, but if our hearts are sincere, that sincerity resonates with everyone who sings and listens together. That is why I often remind our team, "If what we offer is sincere, it will reach every heart. Let us approach everything with true sincerity."

Su-eon: I believe preparation is not simply preparation—it is already worship. That is why we approach rehearsals with the same heart and focus as the actual service, striving to move in harmony with one another. Even when we practice, we can feel Heavenly Parent's presence at any time and in any place. On the day of worship, we are filled with gratitude and joy as we offer that praise together with a wider group of young people. And each time we conclude a service, I discover myself renewed—reborn through a profound gratitude toward Heavenly Parent.

Q. How have young people responded to the praise services, and is there anything that has especially stayed with you through those experiences?

Su-eon: Many of the young people who have attended our praise services have shared that they experienced a kind of "resurrection of heart," and they continue to return faithfully week after week. For them, the Cheonmyeong praise service has become a healing space—a place where they can lay

down the fatigue and stress of the week and find true rest. At the same time, I have come to realize how much the grace of worship can be affected when our preparation falls short or when unexpected technical problems occur. In those moments, we feel the responsibility even more deeply. That is why we carefully reflect on the feedback we receive and strive to prepare each subsequent service with even greater devotion and sincerity.

Q. Cheonmyeong recently participated in the *Inheritors of Heaven’s Love and Blessing National Tour Special Worship Services* and the *2026 New Year Prayer Gathering*. Was there a particular moment that left a lasting impression on you?

Su-eon: Traveling across the nation with our team to offer praise felt like an immense blessing from Heaven. What remains most vivid in my heart are the moments when I was standing at the front of the church to sing, and I looked directly into the faces of the members. I could sense the love and earnest devotion of each person, and it moved me deeply. The times we shared praise together—exchanging energy and spirit with the congregation—are memories I will carry with me for a long time.


Bo-seong: We joined with the hope that our united voices might bring even a small measure of strength to True Parents and to the members. There were many moving moments, but what touched me most was seeing so many members praying and praising with tears. Their life journeys seemed to reach into my heart without words, and in that moment I too received profound grace through praise.

Q. What does “praise” mean to Cheonmyeong?

Su-eon: I see praise as a prayer offered to our Heavenly Parent. In those moments of praise, I find myself becoming more honest before Heavenly Parent and freed from everything that weighs me down. Through such experiences, I have come to realize that praise is not merely singing—it is, in essence, a prayer lifted to Heaven. Musical skill and talent certainly have their place, but above all, what matters most is the heart expressed through the lyrics. To sing with a prayerful heart, conveying to Heavenly Parent the words we long to share—that is what praise truly means to us.

Q. Could you share the direction and vision Cheonmyeong is pursuing for the future?

Bo-seong: Rather than a service focused mainly on form, we want to create a praise service that is truly alive and heartfelt. We hope it will be a place where anyone can come to Heavenly Parent without feeling burdened and find comfort and renewed hope. Instead of remaining within the campus, we hope interest in the services will naturally extend beyond the campus and reach even more young people. As the new semester begins and the Cheonmyeong praise services resume, we sincerely hope many will join us again this year.

Su-eon: We hope to continue creating meaningful praise services so that more people may come to feel Heavenly Parent’s heart. Looking ahead, we plan to experiment with a broader range of both onsite and online content, and to challenge ourselves in writing lyrics and composing music—crafting songs of praise that everyone can sing together. Beyond being simply a university club, our vision is for Cheonmyeong to help nurture a culture of praise in communities and nations around the world. And perhaps one day, Cheonmyeong will be invited to share praise on a global stage. 

Praise began as an offering of gratitude and a confession of faith to Heavenly Parent. That confession continues even today, sustaining the lives and devotion of believers. Through their songs, the Cheonmyeong praise team strives to help young people encounter the love and Word of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Their unceasing efforts to discover how best to give voice to Heaven’s heart through praise will continue without end. As Cheonmyeong moves forward in shaping and leading a culture of heart, their journey is one to follow with great anticipation and hope.






60th Anniversary of the Korea Religions Association

Beyond 60 Years of Dialogue and Cooperation, Toward 100 Years of Action and Public Service

The 60th anniversary ceremony of the Korea Religions Association (KRA) was held on December 19 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 10.30) at the Korea Press Center. The event was attended by approximately 100 leaders from various religious denominations, who shared messages of peace and reaffirmed the vital importance of interreligious cooperation. In his keynote address, KRA President Hong Yun-jong emphasized that the Association will advance as an “action-oriented interreligious body,” committed to taking the lead in addressing pressing public and social issues. Following the ceremony, an academic symposium was held under the theme “The Social Role and Responsibility of Religion.” Participants reflected on the spirit of religious harmony and

pledged to take the lead in achieving world peace. The Korea Religions Association was established in 1965 as South Korea’s first pan-religious consultative body, initially comprising six major denominations, including Buddhism, Catholicism, and Protestantism. For the past 60 years, it has served as a central channel for dialogue and unity among the various faiths in Korea. 




① Hong Yoon-jong, President of the Korea Religions Association, delivering remarks
 ② Religious leaders celebrating the 60th anniversary of KRA's founding

Heavenly Korea FFWPU President’s Speaking Tour Continues

Passing Down the Tradition of Faith through the Generations and Igniting Revival

FFWPU Korea President Rev. Dr. Song Yong-cheon’s national tour reached Heukseok-Dongjak Family Church on December 28 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.9). In his welcoming address, host Pastor Lee Jin-woo expressed his intention to continue to provide hope to the new generation. Rev. Song emphasized the providential significance of the Heukseok-dong holy ground, stating that “Heukseok-dong (Black Stone village) must transcend the valley of darkness to become Baekseok-dong (White Stone village), standing firm as the base for a tradition that spreads true love.” The congregation reflected on the spiritual heritage of this historic place and renewed their determination in faith.

Leader Rev. Yoon Kyung-hwan prayed for a new history of people receiving life to begin within the Gangdong community. Rev. Song presented three core directions for the church: Life, Future, and Inclusivity. He urged the members to move forward as a united church community, centered on and aligned with the True Parents. 



① President Song Yong-cheon and his wife with children holding bouquets at the Heukseok-Dongjak Family Church (28 Dec 2025) ② Group photo with members of the Gangdong Family Church following the worship service (11 Jan 2026)

Subsequently, on January 11, another tour service was held at Gangdong Family Church. Gangdong District



2025 Hoyojeong One Family Winter Camp

Proud Blessed Families United Through Hoyojeong

From December 26 to 30, 2025 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.7-11), Japanese young-generation Pure Water participants attended the 2025 Hoyojeong One Family Winter Camp at the Cheongshim International Youth Training Center. The schedule for the young generation

of Japanese blessed families included presentations on absolute sexual morality, Blessing education, and Korean cultural experiences. The various cultural programs provided them with the impetus to become loving sons and daughters of Heavenly Parent. *PH*



1 2 Japan's future generation enjoying cultural programs and fellowship together

2026 Winter Youth Special Hoyojeong Workshop

Reborn as the Pure Water Young Generation to Purify the World

The 2026 Winter Youth Special Hoyojeong Workshop was held at the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center from December 26, 2025 to January 2, 2026 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.7-14). During the

opening ceremony, Heavenly Korea FFWPU President Rev. Song Yong-cheon emphasized that the youth must be reborn as the "Pure Water" generation, the leading force in purifying a darkened world. Approximately 200 young participants examined their faith and sense of ownership through a diverse curriculum. Key programs included the study of True Parents' Life Course, the Great Epic of the Chosen Han People of Korea, and Blessing education. In addition, the young people had the profound opportunity to experience Heavenly Parent's providence firsthand at the Cheon Won Gung Cheonil Sanctum. The workshop also featured a Myeongnyang (cheerful) Sports Festival, providing a joyful space for harmony and unity. The participants concluded the workshop by deeply engraving in their hearts their desire to live a life of faith and action centered on Heavenly Parent. *PH*




Young participants attending the Winter Youth Hoyojeong Special Workshop



Declaration Ceremony for Compliance and Social Trust

A New Change and Leap Forward Based on Compliance with the Law and Responsible Action

A Declaration Ceremony for Compliance to Restore Social Trust was held on January 7 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.19) at the FFWPU-Korea Headquarters, bringing together pastors and public leaders from across the nation. This ceremony was established to ensure the responsible management of the Family Federation and to regain public confidence. It served as a platform to pledge a new transformation and leap forward based on the values of compliance and accountability. Dr. Song Yong-cheon, President of the Family Federation in Korea, highlighted the importance of building community trust through a transparent system. Pastors and public leaders recited the Declaration of Compliance, affirming their responsibilities and roles as a faith community.

The declaration outlined key principles, including
 (1) Political neutrality and public responsibility
 (2) Transparent management and mutual accountability
 (3) Fulfillment of social responsibilities 



Participants taking a commemorative photo following the declaration ceremony

World Mission Headquarters: 2025 Church Growth Forum

Discussing the Advancement of Growth through Witnessing and Ministry

The World Mission Headquarters' Church Growth Forum 2025 was held on five occasions from last November through early January this year. During this period, continental directors, national leaders, and pastors from around the world focused discussions on quantitative growth through witnessing and qualitative growth through ministry. The World Mission Headquarters categorized churches worldwide into four

types, sharing case studies and operational methods centered on growth strategies for each type.

Mission Headquarters Director-General Ken Doo emphasized building church communities centered on mission-field-centered strategies and strengthening foundations for self-reliance. Local pastors also contributed by presenting practical witnessing stories based on their experiences. 



1 Director-General Ken Doo of the World Mission Headquarters delivering his message 2 Pastors and members participating in the Church Growth Forum



2025 Heavenly Korea Cheonbo Registration Ceremony

Proclamation of the Official Status and Mission of Cheonbo Families

For couples that had completed their Heavenly Tribal Messiah mission by 2025, the Heavenly Korea Family Federation held the 2025 Heavenly Korea Cheonbo Registration Ceremony on January 17 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.29) at Cheon Won Gung. The occasion saw 596 couples officially registered as Cheonbo couples. President Song Yong-cheon emphasized that “Cheonbo is not simply an honor bestowed, but a lifelong mission to live as a precious treasure of Heaven.” After offering the Cheonbo Holy Register of the names to Heaven, Cheonbo plaques and medals were bestowed upon couples representing each church district. After the ceremony, the Cheonbo couples toured the Exhibition of True Parents’ Life and other exhibits, making it an occasion for deep

reflection in the era when we are to attend Heavenly Parent substantially. *ㄸ*




- ① President Song Yong-cheon and his wife offering the Cheonbo Holy Register
- ② A representative Cheonbo Family presenting a bouquet of appreciation
- ③ Representatives of Cheonbo Families taking a commemorative photo after receiving Cheonbo Plaques and Cheonbo Medals
- ④ Participants in the 2025 Heavenly Korea Cheonbo Registration Ceremony sharing the joy of their Cheonbo registration



2026 Workshops for FFWPU Heavenly Korea Youth Pastors, Leaders and CARP Witnessing Teams Reviewing the Identity and Direction for the Future Generation Community

The 2026 Heavenly Korea Youth Ministers and Public Leaders Workshop was held from January 7 to 9 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.11-21) at the Cheongpa Family Church and Mona Yongpyong. During a meeting with the Inheritors of Love and Blessing, young leaders shared their understanding of their role in the young people's community; it was an occasion to reflect on their faith and identity. Participants also developed their vision and 2026 action plans.

Separately, the 2026 Winter National CARP Witnessing Team Workshop was held

from December 29, 2025 to January 4, 2026 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.10-16) at the Cheongshim International Maritime Youth Training Center in Yeosu. The CARP witnessing teams strengthened their cooperation and solidarity through activity reports, a speech contest for introducing FFWPU, and team-building exercises. They also learned the significance of the maritime providence through an ocean fishing experience. Through this workshop, members reviewed CARP's practical tasks and capabilities, reaffirming their original mission. 


① CARP outreach team members enjoying a fishing experience during the workshop ② All the participants in the 2026 Heavenly Korea Youth Pastors & Public Leaders Workshop



2026 Korea Religions Association: New Year Celebration Emphasizing the Principle of Respect for Religious Freedom

The Korea Religions Association hosted its New Year's celebration on January 15 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.27). While reflecting on the value of religious freedom, participants discussed the direction of activities for the year ahead. KRA Chairman Hong Yoon-jong expressed his commitment to continuing practical

initiatives based on solidarity between the Korea Religions Association and the Korea Clergy Leadership Conference.

In a joint statement, the participants reaffirmed the principle that religion and faith must be respected as fundamental freedoms. 




① The New Year's reception strengthening harmony and fellowship ② Hong Yoon-jong, President of the Korean Council of Religions, delivering remarks



USA: Peace Starts With Me Solidarity Christmas Festival 25th Anniversary Celebration Reenacting the Birth of Jesus

A Peace Starts With Me Solidarity Christmas Festival was held on December 14, 2025 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 10.25) at Old World Village in California, USA. Marking its 25th anniversary, the festival featured a theatrical reenactment of the Nativity attended by more than 300 local citizens, Bible readings and songs


by an “angel” choir. Participants prayed to put an end to religious wars and religious persecution throughout the world, sharing the peace vision of True Parents and experiencing a time of unity in the love of Heavenly Parent. 



❶ A Christmas pageant reenacting the birth of Jesus ❷ A view of Old World Village decorated in a festive Christmas atmosphere

Los Angeles: Christmas Holy Day Service A Family Festival of Harmony and Peace Across Generations

The Los Angeles Family Church held their Christmas service on December 21, 2025 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.2). Over 400 members, including young people and students, joined in praise, a sweater contest, quizzes, and other programs that strengthened

bonds of fellowship. Santa Claus delighted the children with gifts, while special performances helped make the Christmas service a heart-warming family celebration that strengthened bonds with the local community. 



❶ Participants in colorful sweaters greet the audience ❷ Members gathered for the Christmas Holy Day service



Virginia: CARP Winter Workshop

A Time of Reflection to Find One’s Path Before Heaven

The North America Family Federation held its CARP Winter Workshop in Virginia from December 20 to 22 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.1-3). Under the theme “Finding My Unique Heavenly Footing,” presentations explored the Principle of Creation and the essence of Jesus and True Parents, plus there was a session for participants to reflect on how God is calling

each individual.

Fellowship activities such as pie-baking and gift exchanges fostered community spirit among participants. The workshop had a positive impact on the guests, who now want to join other activities and workshops in the community. *TP*



1 A session sharing the word through a lecture 2 Participants united in heart through prayer

Los Angeles: 4th Peace Cup Sports Tournament

Building Lasting Peace and Cooperation Through Sports

The 4th Peace Cup Sports Tournament was held from December 31, 2025 – January 4, 2026 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.12-16) at the LA Galaxy Sports Park. More than 1,200 athletes from 16 U.S. states and Korea competed in futsal, basketball, volleyball, running, and e-sports. Alongside the games, participants enjoyed a

Nanta performance and a Korean cultural festival, as well as a peace forum featuring Bishop Noel Jones and former professional soccer players Cobi Jones and AJ DeLaGarza. Through sports, participants honored True Parents’ vision of world peace and pledged to continue building lasting cooperation. *TP*

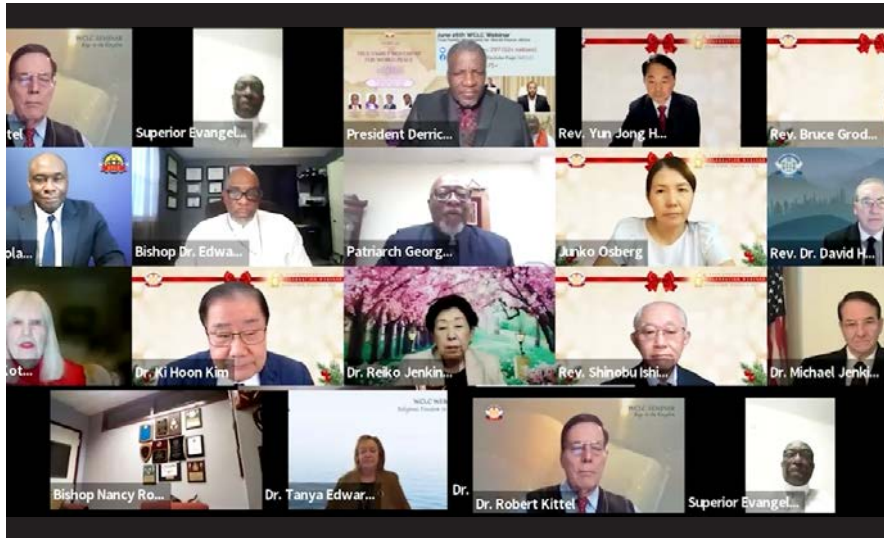


1 Participants and spectators gathered for the tournament 2 Players smiling brightly after completing their match



WCLC 6th Founding Anniversary Online Seminar

A Global Commitment to One Human Family and World Peace




Members of ACLC participating in the seminar on religious freedom and social responsibility

Marking its 6th anniversary, the World Christian Leadership Conference (WCLC) hosted an online seminar on December 30, 2025 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.11). Under the theme “United in Faith, Victorious in Spirit,” religious leaders from 64 nations joined the virtual gathering, offering prayers for the release of True Mother and pledging solidarity for the realization of a peaceful world where humanity lives as one family under God. The seminar was not only a commemoration but also a heartfelt reaffirmation of shared faith and responsibility. Leaders spoke with conviction, weaving together testimonies and prayers that carried the spirit of unity across borders. 

Canada: 2025 Winter Workshops

Educational Gatherings for the Young Generation Based on Heart

The Canadian Church’s young generation 2025 Winter Workshops were held in late December in the eastern and western regions. In Toronto and Montreal, young participants immersed themselves in lectures, testimonies, and experiential learning, gaining

a deeper appreciation for Heavenly Parent’s ideal and the precious bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood. Meanwhile, in Vancouver, prayer, praise, and heart-to-heart activities created a warm atmosphere of faith and fellowship. 




① Canada’s future generation listening to a lecture ② Participants of the Vancouver workshop taking a commemorative photo with gifts



Texas: Young Generation Mission - 2026 Launch Workshop

Reflecting on the Meaning and Value of Mission of Young People

A workshop to launch a young-generation mission in Heavenly United States was held from January 5 to 10 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.17-22) in Blanco, Texas. It was an intense week learning about True Parents' life course and understanding the history of

the Unification movement and the impact it has made on the world. North America Continental Director Damien Dunkley conveyed True Parents' love for the younger generation and emphasized the importance of their role. 



1 Members of the young generation performing a skit 2 Workshop participants gathered with FFWPU North America Continental Director Demian Dunkley

Heavenly Asia-Pacific: Continental Director Changeover Ceremony

Commitment to Spreading a Culture of True Love and Raising Future Leaders

The Inaugural and Farewell Appreciation Service for FFWPU Heavenly Asia Pacific Continental Directors was held on December 21 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.2) at the Philippines Headquarters, with more than 700 participants joining both onsite and online. During the service, outgoing Continental Director Rev. Masaichi Hori reflected back on the years of preparation for future growth, expressed gratitude for the members' dedication, and encouraged everyone to work together with the new continental director to bear greater providential fruit. Incoming Continental Director Rev. Yutaka Yamada pledged to establish a culture of true love centered on True Parents and to devote himself to nurturing leaders for the future. Participants resolved to stand firmly with the new director and advance toward the victories Heaven expects. 



Members posing together after the service, pledging providential victory



India: 11th National Tong-Il Moo-Do Martial Arts Championship 2025

A Harmonious Occasion to Convey the Vision and Future for Tong-Il Moo-Do



Tong-Il Moo-Do practitioners attending the opening ceremony

India's 11th National Tong-Il Moo-Do Championship was held from December 29-31 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.10-12) at the Karnail Singh Stadium in New Delhi, India. The event brought together 850 participants, and was officiated by top Tong-Il Moo-Do masters, including Dr. Seuk Joon-ho, founder of Tong-Il Moo-Do and World Tong-Il Moo-Do Federation President Hoshiko Takamitsu, as well as leaders from various sectors and delegations of practitioners. Dr. Seuk Joon-ho encouraged practitioners to embody the spirit of Tong-Il Moo-Do by standing against selfishness and injustice. Organizers described the event as a significant opportunity to promote the vision of Tong-Il Moo-Do: building one family of humankind under Heavenly Parent. 

Philippines: Year-End Sunghwa Students Workshop

Becoming Pure Water to Share True Love before the World




Sunghwa participants at the end of the workshop

FFWPU in the Philippines hosted a year-end Sunghwa workshop from December 27 to 30 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.8-11) at the Sunghwa International School in Antipolo. Through praise, prayer, and drama activities, participants reflected on themselves and offered devotions for spiritual revival. Rev. Julius Malicdem, Deputy Continental Director of FFWPU Heavenly Asia Pacific, emphasized that the blessed second generation should rediscover their identity and value and become central figures in the providence. The Sunghwa youth pledged to embody the heart of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, becoming "Pure Water" that shares true love with the world. 



1st India and Nepal Tong-Il Moo-Do Open International Championship Elevating the Global Standing of Tong-Il Moo-Do

The 1st India–Nepal Unification Martial Arts Open International Championship was held from January 2 to 4 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.14) at the Kailari Stadium in Dhangadhi, Nepal. Around 150 athletes from Nepal and India participated. The World

Unification Martial Arts Federation assessed that the event contributed to strengthening friendship between the two nations and enhancing the international stature of Unification Martial Arts. 



1 Key leaders from both nations strengthening friendship and goodwill 2 India and Nepal athletes standing side by side holding their national flags

Australia: Hyodong Summer Pure Water Workshop Aspiring to Be True Children of Heavenly Parent

From January 12 to 18 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.24-30), a Pure Water Workshop for Hyodong Children was held in Australia. For one week, senior second generation members and the Heavenly Top Gun missionaries provided a beautiful atmosphere for the younger generation participants as they engaged in programs on faith, tradition, and purity. Hyodong children pledged to become precious “Pure Water” of Heavenly Parent, living as true sons and daughters. 



Participants posing with their own unique expressions for a commemorative photo



Heavenly Africa Blessed Family Department: Supportive Activities for Blessing Preparation Encouragement and Support for Blessing Candidates in the West Africa Region

Representatives of the Heavenly Africa Blessed Family Department visited Ghana and Togo in West Africa from December 6 to 19 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 10.17-30) to support preparations for the upcoming Blessing ceremony. The initiative was to review the progress of local blessing activities

and provide encouragement and support to blessing candidates. The team also carried out outreach and held counseling sessions with those who had become distant from our church community. *✧*



1 2 Members from Ghana and Togo smiling brightly after the Blessing meetings (Ghana: left, Togo: right)

12th Mombasa Open International Tong-Il Moo-Do Tournament

Raising Tong-Il Moo-Do leaders who Contribute to World Peace



A Tong-Il Moo-Do match unfolding amid enthusiastic cheers

The 12th Tong-il Moo-Do International Championship was held in Mombasa, Kenya, from December 19 to 22, 2025 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 10.30-11.3). Some 500 participants from 13 nations including the host country Kenya, as well as Korea and Japan, competed in a wide range of events, including individual sparring, team competitions, and martial arts demonstrations.

In an interview with local media, World Tong-Il Moo-Do Federation President Hoshiko Takamitsu expressed his commitment to strengthening efforts to nurture young Tong-Il Moo-Do practitioners to become future leaders who can contribute to world peace. Marking its twelfth international tournament, Tong-Il Moo-Do garnered significant attention from the media, solidifying its international presence and standing. *✧*



Congo: Worship Service at the Conclusion of 40-Day Witnessing Activities Resolving to Advance with the Value of Faith

On December 21, 2025 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.2), FFWPU in the Democratic Republic of the Congo held a closing worship service in Kinshasa to conclude a 40-day witnessing campaign. The service brought together more than 2,800 members from 44 local districts. Heavenly Africa Continental Director Jean-Pierre Kadima encouraged members to carry the same dedication and passion into future missions. National Leader Rang Wan Lubaka emphasized the importance of steadily cultivating the values of true faith within families and communities.

During the 40 days, members had shared the message of peace with more than 10,000 people, distributed leaflets, and conducted educational programs, resulting in 67 individuals pledging to join the Family Federation. The campaign deepened members' sense of mission under Heavenly Parent and strengthened their resolve to participate vigorously in future initiatives. *TP*



A service of gratitude offered upon completing the 40-day outreach journey

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Cheonshim Won Prayer Room Opening Devotions and Faith for Spiritual Revival

FFWPU in the Democratic Republic of the Congo inaugurated a Cheonshim Won prayer room in Muanda on January 9 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.21). Members offered devotion for Africa's spiritual revival.

Meanwhile, during a visit to the Matadi region, National Leader Rang Wan Lubaka, regional director of FFWPU Heavenly Africa emphasized the value of faith centered on True Parents and urged members to seek oneness with Heavenly Parent. *TP*




1 National Leader Rang Wan Lubaka delivering the message
2 Participants celebrating together at the Cheonshim Won Prayer Hall dedication ceremony



Cameroon: National Clergy Conference Exploring the Role of Women in World Peace




Participants listening to a presentation at the National Clergy Conference

FWPU Cameroon hosted a National Clergy Conference in Yaounde on January 16 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.28). Under the theme “The Role of Women for World Peace,” ministers from Catholic, Protestant, and African churches examined the role of women in providential history and explored True Parents’ life course and achievements for the sake of peace. 

Democratic Republic of the Congo: Two-Day Workshop for Young Adults Emphasizing the Providential Role of Heavenly Parent’s Sons and Daughters



Young participants forming heart shapes with their hands during the retreat

The Family Federation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo held a 2-day workshop for young adults at the Manenga Holy Ground in Kinshasa on January 17-18 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.29-30). The program highlighted the providential role of our blessed children. Participants reaffirmed their willingness to fully trust in Heavenly Parent and to live by Heaven’s principles, with some determining to receive the Blessing. 

Dominican Republic: Family Federation General Assembly Resolving to Unite and Take a New Leap Forward in 2026

On January 11 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.23), the Dominican Republic Family Federation General Assembly was held at the Armonía y Paz Central Training Center. The assembly reviewed the progress of 2025 and shared new goals for the year

ahead, with a special emphasis on young and second-generation members establishing a foundation of faith. Members pledged to move forward with one heart and make a stronger leap in 2026. *TP*



1 Members listening to the 2025 activity report 2 Members in the Dominican Republic pledging victory in 2026

Heavenly Central and South America: 2nd Class of Hyojeong Academy and 14th class of Hyojeong-Rang Graduation Ceremony A steady graduation of participants to nurture leaders for the future

The graduation ceremony for the 2nd class of the Hyojeong Academy and the 14th Class of Hyojeong-Rang in Heavenly Central and South America was held on January 4 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.16) at Jardim Training Center. The ceremony featured testimonies and a review of activities over the year, and outstanding graduates were presented with Death Valley Holy Salt. Cheonbo Training Center Branch Director Kim Seong-nam emphasized to everyone the importance of maintaining faith in order to steadily advance without losing sight of the center, even after graduation. The Family Federation of Heavenly Central and South America plans to further develop the Hyojeong Academy, which has produced 52 graduates to date, as a center for the cultivation of capable leaders. *TP*



Hyojeongrang participants smiling brightly as they share the joy of graduation



Heavenly Central and South America: Conclusion of a 21-Day Workshop for New Members Pledging to Live United with Heavenly Parent



Participants following the completion of the 21-day New Members' Workshop

The closing ceremony of a 21-Day Workshop for New Members was held at the Jardín Training Center on January 4, 2026 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.16). The workshop brought together 181 new members connected through the Hyojeong witnessing team's activities across 11 countries over the previous four months. Participants strengthened their faith through lectures on True Parents' life course and Chambumo Ron, and participated in Cheonshim Won special night vigils and Blessing education. Continental Director Kim Dong-woo urged members to cultivate the attitude of living with Heavenly Parent at the center, both in heart and in practice. *TP*

Austria: Public Broadcast Highlights Family Federation Blessing Ceremony Recognized for Balanced Coverage




ORF coverage introducing the Family Federation Blessing Ceremony

On December 30, 2025 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.11), Austria's public broadcaster ORF covered the Family Federation's 2025 Hyojeong Cheonju Blessing Ceremony held in Korea last April. The broadcast described the Blessing Ceremony as a "festival of love," and that participants can marry or renew their marriage vows in front of God. ORF also highlighted the Family Federation's goal as to unite humanity into one family of perfected love, with members striving to orient their life and actions fully toward God. *TP*

FFWPU France: 2026 New Year Worship Service

Intergenerational Fellowship and Harmony for the Family Community

On January 1 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.13), The Family Federation in France offered a New Year worship service to welcome 2026. Through this time of reflection, members recognized the value of unity and cooperation with a community centered on Heavenly Parent, and the importance of leadership based on the

providence. Following the service, they strengthened fellowship and harmony through a heavenly talent show. FFWPU France expressed a commitment to expanding the community's faith and love through worship throughout the year. 



❶ Members offering unison prayer ❷ Participants united through a performance ❸ Members smiling brightly for a commemorative photo after the service




Heavenly Europe and Middle East: Continental Leaders' Meeting

Strengthening Intergenerational Cooperation and Visionary Leadership



Participants at the Heavenly Europe and Middle East Continental Leaders' Meeting

The city of Prague in the Czech Republic hosted a Europe and Middle East Continental Leaders Meeting from January 16 to 18 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.28-30). On the theme "Passing the Flame," the occasion emphasized intergenerational cooperation and the transition of national leadership to a younger generation of leaders across the continent. Presenters outlined activity plans for the year ahead, a youth department was created, and plans for effective asset management and for engaging the media were discussed.

In his Sunday sermon, Director-General Ken Doo encouraged unity with True Mother as the final piece of the puzzle to reveal the image of God as both Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother. 


Romania, Winter 7-Day Workshop

Strengthening Identity as Children of Heavenly Parent



Participants of the Winter 7-Day Workshop receiving their certificates

A Winter 7-day Workshop was held at the Peace Embassy in Bucharest, Romania, on January 2 to 9 (Cheon Il Guk Year 13 HC 11.14-21) to begin the new year. Presentations were given on Heaven's providence, the life courses of Jesus and True Parents, and on life of faith and preparation for the Blessing. The course helped participants affirm their identity as Heavenly Parent's sons and daughters and feel inspired to move forward strongly for the year ahead.

The program centered on God's providence and the life course of True Parents. Participants deepened their bonds within the community and resolved to strengthen their identity as Heavenly Parent's sons and daughters. 

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“In the 13th year of Cheon Il Guk, when we attend the Creator Heavenly Parent substantially, let us, the blessed families around the world, become true sons and daughters of Cheon Il Guk who fulfill our responsibility as the chosen people in unity with True Parents!”

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