



## Peace Road and Peace Walk 2015 - Advisory

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We want to let you know about the Peace Road 2015, a wonderful outreach project initiated by True Mother in 2013 to commemorate True Parents' great vision of an international peace highway that would extend from Japan through Korea and onwards to all corners of the world. This is an important project with great spiritual and symbolic significance and is also part of the observances leading up to the Third Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa and Ascension. Brothers and sisters around the world are participating and True Mother is following the progress with a great deal of interest.

The **Peace Road 2015 Tour** began right here in the USA on May 30 with a kickoff event on the IPEC Dedication Day in Las Vegas. It is scheduled to conclude on August 28 in Imjingak, South Korea, at the border between North and South Korea, right before the 3rd Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa. Over 40 nations are holding various programs, and over the next 2 months the USA will also hold a number of Peace Road related programs.

**Tomorrow, June 24**, Mr. Machida, an 1800 couple from Japan, will arrive in California to offer another long distance **Peace Walk** across the United States up until mid-September. You may remember his epic first visit in 2004, when he walked cross-country to protest Father's Danbury imprisonment. His exact 2015 route is not yet finalized—adjustments may be made for the fierce summer weather conditions—but Rev. George Kazakos will host him in Pasadena before he moves on to San Francisco to begin his Peace Walk. There will be opportunities for those who wish to join Mr. Machida for a few miles or a few days, and/or to host him when he is travelling through our neighborhoods. Local pastors will have details and you can track him on our website.

From mid-July, we have a series of nine **Peace Road** events over three weekends. Although the Peace Road mainly focusses on bike-riding, there are other options planned including walks, marches, motorcycling, soccer games and more. All are designed to allow group participation as well as to hold a ceremony for the passing-on of the "Peace Road Flag," interfaith prayers for peace, congratulatory messages, and more. We will also include visits to the Holy Grounds, a follow up from last year's **God's Hope for America pilgrimage**. The dates are:

July 18-19 San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco

July 25-26 Portland, Seattle, Vancouver

July 31-August 3 Kodiak, Anchorage, Nome

### Peace Road Outreach in your Community

Let's take this opportunity to share and connect with a wider group of people, including Unificationists, Ambassadors for Peace, contacts of UPF, WFWP, ACLC, public officials and leaders, and representatives

of other civic groups. Even though time is short, we will host some meaningful events in the USA—and be part of a great international effort. Here’s some more background information to help the outreach effort:

The idea of a “Peace Road” or an international highway that literally connected the world’s peoples together was the enduring vision of the founder of the Family Federation, the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Rev. Moon was a great lover of Alaska and visited the state every year for more than 25 years, investing in fishing and processing enterprises which employ many Alaskans.

In 1981 at an international science conference in Seoul, Rev. Moon suggested the building of a peace highway between Korea and Japan, two former enemy nations, and from 2005 onwards he began to advocate a more ambitious project: the building of the “Peace Tunnel” to cross the Bering Strait. In an address at the United Nations in Geneva he said:

*“This tunnel can help make the world a single community at last...Think of how much money the world is wasting on war. The time has come for nations to work together, pool their resources and, as the prophet Isaiah taught, beat our swords into plowshares and pruning hooks.”*

Please support this initiative and participate as much as you can!

God Bless you and your families,

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