FFWPU UK: Celebrating The 63rd True Children's Day And 35th Foundation Day

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This coming week, we will celebrate the 63rd True Children's Day on 25th October and the 35th Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth on 27th October. Please feel free to download the banner, which is available in different formats, for your celebrations at home or with your community:

Holy Day Banner - All Size (PDF)

Holy Day Banner - 2x A4 (PDF)

Dear EUME Families!

Tomorrow, October 25th and on Thursday October 27th, we celebrate two important holy days in our Unification tradition: the 63rd True Children's Day and the 35th *Kaecheonil*, the Foundation Day of the Nation of Cosmic Unity. Fumiko and I send our best wishes for your celebrations, whether quietly at home with your family or hopefully together with others in your local community. Don't forget to take and send some good pictures! Thank you also for all your generous Holy Day donations!

Looking back over the last year since the 62nd True Children's Day so much has changed in our region, our world and in our movement. Last year, Europe was at peace; this year, we have a deadly war that has claimed tens of thousands of victims. There have been deadly floods in Pakistan. In Japan, our movement is under extreme persecution from the media and now the government, following the tragic assassination of Shinzo Abe back in July. You could say that the signs of the end times – famine, hunger, war and disease -- are everywhere. Despite all this, True Mother urges us to be hopeful and be grateful. This is the

attitude that can move Heaven.

True Children's Day began as an offering of gratitude, as a Thanksgiving Sunday Service on November 19th 1960 just a few days before the American Thanksgiving holiday. The following year, 1961, True Parents started to use the term "Children's Day" and at the 3rd Children's Day in 1962, True Father explained: "People celebrate various feasts such as birthdays, weddings, and Christmas, and enjoy themselves. But heaven has not had such festivals to rejoice. **But this day is the one that heaven celebrates and rejoices**."

We also mark the 34th *Kaecheonil*. True Parents first proclaimed this day of victory shortly after the success of the 1988 Korean Olympics outreach campaign which brought together the democratic and communist nations in friendly competition. True Father offered a deep prayer for the future, saying, "You did not forsake me, but righted my way night and day, and I am truly grateful for the innumerable helping graces You have given me to aid me in pioneering the difficulties in my environment and overcoming crises in my path."

One thing is the same as last year: we have the opportunity to receive another **Cheonbo Great Works Holy Candle of Heavenly Fortune** that True Mother would like to bequeath to all us. I am sorry for the confusion caused by the sudden rescheduling of the Great Works broadcast this weekend, but please make sure to catch up with the video recording of the programme **before the end of this month.** I've heard several good testimonies that praying with the candle has brought some families significant financial blessings!

2022 has been a challenging year, even more so that 2021, but let's all "celebrate and rejoice" together with our True Parents and Heavenly Parent this week. True Mother has led the providence forward to many victories and is full of confidence that a great turning point is coming to the world. Working together, there is nothing we cannot do.

May Heavenly Parent bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

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