

Building a Brighter Future

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This year marks six years since the ascension of our True Father into the eternal spiritual world. It is hard to believe that so much time has passed. Yet under our True Mother's leadership, we have seen growth and development in many wonderful ways. Everything is blossoming, and we are truly in the springtime of the providence.

Since assuming the responsibility of the True Parents on earth, True Mother emphasized to us that we must return to the roots of our faith and revive our early sense of excitement. Blessed families worldwide should be teaching the truth, and we should all be filled with our Heavenly Parent's spirit. True Mother also began to emphasize the education of our youth and started to divert great resources for this purpose.

In America, we have been blessed to welcome True Mother on many occasions in the last few years. She always brings a spirit of love, hope, renewal,

and commitment to all of our family members throughout the country. The Peace Starts with Me rally at Madison Square Garden last year set the providence in America on a new path, with our membership nationwide, and especially with our associates and friends such as Christian ministers and ambassadors for peace. Our youth also came together in large numbers through the Hyo Jeong workshop in New York. They had a chance to experience True Mother on a very personal level.

In the past few years, we've seen great development in programs for our youth. CARP USA has been growing rapidly. They hold an annual pilgrimage to Japan and Korea to meet other CARP students and visit providential places. In 2016, forty CARP members joined this trip; in 2017, a hundred and twenty young Unificationists, some new to our movement, joined this special pilgrimage. This summer, three hundred and sixty young Unificationists participated in the Hyo Jeong Pilgrimage tour to Japan and Korea. For many, it was their first direct experience with True Mother, who welcomed the group in Tokyo. CARP now has nineteen chapters on college campuses around the country. They have been accepted in these colleges and are able to conduct their activities openly and proudly. This breakthrough is essential for the future development of our movement in America.

Our gap-year program, Generation Peace Academy (GPA) is a stellar program for young people before entering college. GPA is dedicated to educating our youth through the living practice of the word. They are not just about raising funds, though they do it very well. Their internal education of principled life has given GPA graduates tremendous spiritual strength, and fortified their commitment to True Parents. They also engage in overseas service projects, which allow young people to gain many friends in different countries, witness to new people, and even teach the Divine Principle. They learn about different cultures, and see the influence of True Parents on an international level. They come back renewed through their experience overseas.

True Mother continues to expand our minds and hearts as she challenges us to follow her example. When we visit the Hyo Jeong Cheon Won complex in Korea, it is like the kingdom of heaven on earth. Everything about it makes us feel we are in the kingdom of heaven, where we can live in perfect attendance to Heavenly Parent. True Mother's touch is felt and seen everywhere. It is a showcase for the whole world to see True Parents' glory. Everything is meticulously planned for those in future generations to come for education, relaxation, meditation, prayer and to experience our movement's history and nature's beauty.

We are all witnessing this historic moment unfolding before our eyes. True Mother is reminding us again and again that we are inheritors of Cheon Il Guk. This is our time to become heavenly tribal messiahs by loving our 430 couples and giving them the blessing of eternal life. The kingdom of heaven is coming not from the clouds, but from within us, as we receive the holy marriage blessing and share it with our tribes and our ancestors. Our vision for 2020 needs to become a reality. True Mother told us that if we unite with her, we will see miracles happen. Indeed, in America we've seen miracles happen all the time in the form of great breakthroughs with Christianity through the American Clergy Leadership Conference, with higher education institutions through CARP, and with our own families with the ever growing number of us who recommit ourselves to fulfill our mission from True Parents and Heavenly Parent and become victorious heavenly tribal messiahs. Our future is looking brighter every day.