

WestRock Family News

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Motto for *the 3rd year of the Heavenly Calendar*:

Era of the Victory, Liberation, and Completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind

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Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings!

This past Sunday I had the blessing to visit our Queens community and offer the sermon at the Sunday service. When I entered the church center – I was immediately uplifted by the brother and sister who greeted me and by the spirited music videos they had playing. It was a great way to receive members in preparation for the service. I really felt “wow, something special is going to happen here!”

I am grateful to Pastor John Kung and his wife, Christine, and for the support that is being given by the former pastor couple of Queens, Rev and Mrs. Yuji Mizuguchi. I was especially happy to meet with the Queens Ministry Team after the service. I felt the value of the team – through it, members are able to feel a greater sense of ownership and a natural desire to work together – encouraging, challenging, and supporting one another. And even more inspiring was the involvement of their youth (John and Christine’s daughter Diane is taking a leading role). This coming Sunday will be their youth service Sunday. I believe great things are going to happen in Queens.

As I spoke to the members – one thing that stood out for me is that unity can’t take place without give and take action. We need to reach out to each other. Husbands and wives need to reach out to each other several times a day. Parents need to reach out to their children on a regular basis. And for our communities to grow, we need to reach out to each other – OFTEN!

This is one reason for creating small groups. Small groups create a situation in which we can more easily communicate on a regular basis with other families and members.

One way to communicate is through emails. But I want to encourage each of us to use the phone (and whenever possible, to visit) – it is much more immediate and personal. If, on those evenings that we don’t have to stay up late for a meeting, we call 2 other members (from our small group or from our community) and briefly share with them – that kind of give and take will help us become a healthy community. It’s that kind of caring for each other that will create an atmosphere that others will want to be a part of. This is essential if we want to reach our goal of doubling our membership.

Finally, below, in the sermon section, I put words that True Mother gave recently. Please take a look.

God Bless You and let's make it a great week!

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Sermon

This week Toby Gullery gave the sermon on **"Happiness."** I asked that it be recorded – I am sorry but I have not been able to post the recording on line.

Below are words from True Mother.

NOTE: These notes are taken from a Peace TV video clip. They cannot be published as definitive texts and should never be used in the future as an "official" publication of True Parent's words. However, they do provide a good idea of the "spirit" of the message. - Rev. Katsumi Kambashi

True Mother's Message at the Special Assembly of Elders given at the Cheon Jeong Gung (CIG Year 1 HC 2.9 / Mar. 20, 2013)

True Mother spoke to the Korean National Messiahs and the former Boon Bong Wangs.

"Most of you who gathered here today are 60 to 70, 80 years old, aren't you? When I think of it, I would say that you, in your life course, are at the crossroads which is closer to the spirit world. Don't you think so?

The rest of your life, which is much shorter than the period you have lived, is now waiting for you. You are all like my age, and sooner or later we go to the spirit world and so I think we need to lead a life preparing ourselves for it.

In the early days, Father, working with you, gave you lots of words, and you are the ones who participated to some degree in all the works he unfolded. Looking back on those years, in front of Heavenly Parent's will and Father, we can't say that we have fulfilled our responsibilities.

More than six months have passed since Father's Seonghwa, and it has been almost one month after Foundation Day. But how have we been different? Foundation Day is, simply put, an unprecedented event since the beginning of the world. That is the day Heavenly Parent and humankind had been waiting for, but (holding back her tears) our foundation and ourselves were so insignificant in front of Heaven. Don't you think so?

However it was true too that because of you we could hold such a day. But we can't afford being satisfied with that. First of all, we could not create a significant environment in front of Heaven and Father. I often say 'Creation of environment' (환경창조). Reflecting on the past, we are lacking so much in front of Heavenly Parent and our descendants in the future. This is surely true.

Our earthly life remains shorter than we have lived. I think we should become the ones who can respond to Heavenly grace and love, accomplishing in the rest of our life what we couldn't have done in the past.

Parent. We should not leave his words unfulfilled. This nation should be the substantial Cheon Il Guk that we can offer to Heaven. What do we have to do for that sake?

When this nation is governed by Heavenly law which is beyond the national law, it would be easier to restore the rest of the world. It is true that we have many restrictions in our activities in many countries. But in the era of Cheon Il Guk that Heaven has opened, (when you have) the results which you will have had working with me for 10 years, 20 years or 30 years, Heavenly Parent would say to you 'You are great. It was you,' when you go back to Heavenly Parent. That is what I hope for.

Recently I have been intensively educating my grandchildren. Since Father and I have lived like a war period, I couldn't have created an environment for my children. But now I am doing the 'creation of environment' (환경창조) to my grandchildren. A few days ago, I announced and gave to my grandchildren and all 2nd gens in the world the 'Prayer of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind (천지인참부모 기도문).' It is

**'하늘부모님 감사합니다. 사랑합니다.
천지인 참부모님의 참사랑의 전통을 이어받는
효자, 충신, 성자의 도리를 다하는
축복가정2세 000이 되겠습니다. (축복가정3세 000이 되겠습니다.)'**

**'Heavenly Parent, I thank you and I love you.'
I, (one's name), will become a 2nd gen (or 3rd gen) who
inherit the tradition of true love established by the True Parents of
Heaven, Earth and Humankind, and
perfect the duty of filial son (or daughter), patriot, and divine son
(or daughter).**

(Katsumi: Mother didn't mention 'saint / 성인' in her speech.)

I told them to pray this way, which has the essential contents, every morning and evening, like reciting a mantra. I want them to think big.

We are now about realizing the hope and dream that Heavenly Parent had when creating the environment first and then Adam and Eve. But we can't say that we 1st and 2nd gens could fulfill our responsibilities in front of Heaven. We have been so insignificant and made many mistakes. But we have the last responsibility to fulfill. No matter if we are good or not good, there is Heavenly Parent who has a hope for us.

In 2020, let's offer to Heaven this nation, Korea, the fatherland of Heavenly Parent so that Heavenly Parent can proudly proclaim 'This is my nation.' Aren't you excited? Before you die, you can have a role in offering the fatherland of Heavenly Parent, and when you go to the spirit world, Father would say, 'Oh you came here now. You became the role model as a filial son (or daughter), a patriot, a saint, and a divine son (or daughter), obtaining great results doing your very best while attending True Mother. I am proud of you.' I would like to put you into such a blessed position, but will you do it? ('Yes.') Will you do it? ('Yes.')

I am determined to be finished as soon as possible with Cheong Pyeong Project before 2020. Will you help me? ('Yes.')

First of all, we should make 'Museum of the Life of True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind

for 2nd and 3rd Gens (2세 3세를 위한 문화회관),' which is important for our descendants in the future.

After we make the wonderful museum, I, providing the expressway connected to the top of the Cheon Jeong Gung, want to see the crowds without a break from the ramp to the museum. That is my heart. Think big like that in order to have such a day in your earthly life. Do you understand? ('Yes.')

Then I hope you will do your best without listening more to me. In this era, the words '사생결단 전력투구 (risking one's life investing all)' must become a tasteful dish that you want to have everyday. I said you need to lead a life of gratitude, didn't I?

We have been so lacking when we think what grace we received from Heaven. When you deal with all things with a sincere gratitude, peace, freedom and happiness come to you. Unification can take place. Do you understand? Hoping you will do your best, I will observe you with gratitude.

Father accomplished lots internally and externally and I want to trim and put them into order, and establish the tradition. I will make it perfect that nobody can change later.

You are happy people since I am here. Do you know that? ('Yes.')

Light Thought for the Day

Washing Machine Repair

The husband was constantly working on their defective washing machine, and his language was often colorful. One day the daughter returned home from a movie, and the parents asked if she had learned anything from it.

"Only a lot of four-letter words," she told them, "that until now I always thought were parts of the washing machine."

Testimonies/reports

If you have a testimony or report to share please send it to me.

Providential News

- I hear that True Mother is planning on coming to Las Vegas soon.
- April 10 is True Parents Day.
- Martin Porter, an early member and pioneer of our church passed away. There will be a memorial service at the Edwards Dowdle Funeral Home, 64 Ashford Ave., Dobbs Ferry, NY

Quote for the Week

Electric communication will never be a substitute for the face of someone who with their soul encourages another person to be brave and true.
Charles Dickens

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Outreach

- **OSDP/Bible Study:** at the White House, the next study will be Monday, March 25th.
- **WFWP Lunch and Learn:** Sunday March 24th at the White House at 12pm.
- **Outreach Meeting:** We welcome all members to join us Sunday, March 31st, at 12pm at the White House. This is for everyone who is interested in participating in outreach activities.

Community

- **Easter Egg Hunt and BBQ:** Saturday, March 30, 12 noon – 1:30 pm. All families with young kids, pre-school through 5th grades are invited. Easter Egg hunt for the young ones, games and activities for the 3rd – 5th graders.
- **Middle School Workshop:** will be held March 26 – 28 at 43rd Street. The theme is Life of Faith: A Journey. If you are interested please contact Toby Gullery (914-334-8829)
- **Camp Sunrise Summer Camps Are Back!** That's right, Camp Sunrise will re-open this summer with a complete program of sleep-over summer camps for elementary, junior high, and high school age children as well as weekly Day Camps. To register and/or obtain more information about these camps, go to the BFA website found at www.blessedfamilies.org and click on "sponsored programs." Please try to register early! The Early Bird Rate expires on May 15th!

Prayer

- **WestRock Prayer by Conference Call:** Sunday 7:45 to 8:10 am Phone Number: 712-432-1699, Access Code: 736416# All are welcome.
- **Prayer Continues for Jiau-Lan Weinstein:** she is still fighting to overcome cancer.
- **Also please pray for Laura Nabetani:** her condition seems to have worsened some more, let our prayers give her strength.

Next Ahn Shi II: Thursday, April 4, 2013

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!