

WestRock Family News

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Motto of the year:

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 week a wonderful brother of ours, Eric Holt, passed on to the spiritual world. I have always regarded Eric as a dear friend and bother. We both joined the church in 1971. We first met in 1973 when I was on my first pioneer mission – starting up a church center in Richmond, Virginia. He was on an IOWC (International One World Crusade) team that came through. True Father had sent out one pioneer to each state – and then he created several IOWC teams that traveled from the west to the east, stopping to give a boost to the new church centers.

I am sure that was Eric's first mission as well. That was 40 years ago. Eric served God and True Parents faithfully in America for 40 years. As his elder son, Shayne, shared at the Seong Hwa ceremony, "I never once heard my father express a word of complaint." That is an incredible testimony. Eric ultimately gave his life for God's providence in this nation.

Whenever I see that number 40 – I know that God is telling us something. Eric's passing was not just a random event. He was one of 3 whom True Mother called on to take care of God's providence in America. It is clear that Eric's life and his passing was something significant for the accomplishment of God's providence.

I firmly believe that because of his offering – our Heavenly Parent will be able to accomplish great things – but only if, we do our part and unite with True Mother's direction.

This was memorial day weekend – a time when we need to stop and honor those who gave their lives for this country (see the Quote for the Week below). I think we can include Eric in that list of names.

Thank you Eric for your friendship! But more importantly, as disciples of our True Parents working in America, let's thank him for what he offered through his life for God's will – and let's each make a personal determination that we will do more to save this nation.

God Bless You!
Andrew Compton

Sermon

This Sunday Rev Grodner gave the sermon at Belvedere: He shared about

lessons that can be learned from golf. If you missed the sermon the audio is available:

<https://soundcloud.com/pastor-andrew/sermon-13-05-26-gev-grodner>

Light Thought for the Day

In honor of Eric (who loved puns) here are a few:

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.

It's not that the man did not know how to juggle, he just didn't have the balls to do it.

I'm glad I know sign language, it's pretty handy.

I couldn't quite remember how to throw a boomerang, but eventually it came back to me.

Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink.

Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.

(protect me Eric, this one might get me fired) A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.

Testimonies/reports

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

Providential News

- True Mother will be in Hawaii. There will be a Divine Principle Workshop for the True Family
- The 20-20 Providence has begun! We are now in a 100 day period of devotion leading up the **anniversary of True Father's ascension, to share the DP with others – and to inspire them to work with us to build God's Kingdom!**

Quote for the Week

"It is, in a way, an odd thing to honor those who died in defense of our country in wars far away. The imagination plays a trick. We see these soldiers in our mind as old and wise. We see them as something like the Founding Fathers, grave and gray-haired. But most of them were boys when they died, they gave up two lives -- the one they were living and the one they would have lived. When they died, they gave up their chance to be husbands and fathers and grandfathers. They gave up their chance to be revered old men. They gave up everything for their county, for us. All we can do is remember."

-- Ronald Wilson Reagan

Remarks at Veteran's Day ceremony, Arlington National Cemetery
Arlington, Virginia, November 11, 1985

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Outreach

- **DP/Bible Study:** At the White House, Mondays at 7:30 pm. .
- **District Level, 1-Day DP Workshop:** Saturday June 8. Renew your spirit! Saturday @ Camp Sunrise. For members and guests \$30 (\$45 for overnight – include breakfast Sunday morning). For more info contact Rev Compton.

Community

- **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!
- **Spring Festival at Belvedere:** Sunday June 2. After service until 5 pm Food, Fun, Games, Music, and more – FOR ALL AGES
- **Small Groups Seminar:** Saturday, June 1, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (includes lunch). \$20 registration fee if paid by May 29 (after that its \$25)
- **District Level Sunday Service:** We will have a district level Sunday Service at Camp Sunrise on True Day of All Things, June 9. Starting time – 10:30 am
- **Weekend Seminar for Couples at UTS (Barrytown) June 1& 2.**
For registration or questions: contact Gavin
Fee \$125/person: send a non-refundable deposit of \$50 made out to Laurie Schwartz to Gavin Hamnett, 30 Seminary Dr. Barrytown, NY 12507.
For accommodations at UTS contact Mika at UTS

Other

- **Great News!** Andy Morris has written his first poetry book, "Quiet Moments." You can purchase a copy from him directly or go to : www.createpace.com/4267123 It is also available on Kindle (just type in the title and Andy's name)
- **Looking for Apartment.** The Ferrantellos are looking for a Bright, 1 BR apt. LR, DR, and/or large LR, washer/dryer, parking and possibly H/HW included. Move-in for June/July (negotiable). Call Dr. Ferrantello.
- **'GOP' 2013-2014... is accepting applications NOW!!**
Learn Korean! Experience the Unification tradition and life style!
Inherit the Culture of Heart! Take an Adventure!
The Institute of Korean Studies for Foreign Students
[An Affiliated Organization of Sun Moon University]
You can apply online at www.sunmoonbcschool.com
- **workshop July 26-28 exploring Intentional Community living.** Camp Shehaqua, located in the beautiful Poconos, will be offering a 2½ day workshop
When: July 26, 27 & 28
Where: Camp Shehaqua (115 miles west of NYC) Cost: \$125. By 6/1
For more information and to register:
www.live4joy.org or contact Gregg Noll

Prayer

- Conference Call Prayer for Outreach: All are welcome, Sunday 7:45 to 8:10 am Phone Number: 712-432-1699, Access Code: 736416#.
- Conference Call to pray for the Sick: Please join us in prayer at 9:45pm on Wednesdays Conference Call number: 712-432-1699, Access Code 736416#

Next Ahn Shi II: Thursday, May 30, 2013

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!