

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

Happy July!

And a special congratulations to all the 2075 Couples on your 31st anniversary!

This is the 9th day of our 40 Days of “Sharing the Blessing – with a heart to serve.”

How is it going? Toby Gullery, our WestRock Youth pastor gave the sermon on Sunday at Belvedere. He shared about how we tend to put up our own walls – between us and others. We always have ideas in our heads as to how others view us. “They don’t like me” or “They are going to think I am strange” or “They don’t think I am cool” or “They don’t want to talk to me,” and so on. And even though there may be an occasion in which what we think is true, most of the time it is all in our head. The same is true when it comes to our ability to reach out and talk to someone, or hand them an invitation card – we have all kinds of concepts, walls we erect in our heads that prevent us from making, what may be the first step in another person’s journey to God and True Parents.

Today I sent out an email with a survey attached and a letter to drop off at homes in your area. Please take a look – and revise them if you are not comfortable with them as they are. And then, take a moment to think about our Heavenly Parent, and then make it a point to talk to a few people each day, or drop off a few letters. Let’s all make special effort to work with our local church community during this special period – to let the world know that we are here, that True Parents are here.

Finally – I want to remind everyone that there will be a Parents Day program in NJ at the Grove on Saturday July 20 at 3:00 pm. It’s a beautiful place, and it is going to be a really high class event. But we need more nominees.

If you know of someone, please prepare a nomination form for them – and get the information in right away. (forms are attached)

God Bless You
Andrew Compton

Sermon

You can hear this week’s Sermon by Toby Gullery by going to this link

<http://soundcloud.com/pastor-andrew/130630-sermon-t-gullery>

You can listen to last week’s sermon by Rev Andrew Compton by going to this link

<http://soundcloud.com/pastor-andrew/130623-sermon-how-i-found-god>

Light Thought for the Day:

Spelling Words

My husband and I often spell words so that our small children won't understand what we're saying. I didn't realize what a habit this had become until one day when my husband and I were in the grocery store at the soup aisle.

An aggressive young woman banged into our cart, then nudged me over, blocking my access to the soup.

Annoyed, I looked at my husband and said, "Boy, is she r-u-d-e!"

"Yeah," he replied, "and I'll bet she can s-p-e-l-l."

Testimonies/reports

This past Sunday we had our first "Bookmarks for Peace" program. It was fun, and despite the thunderstorms we had 30 members and 5 guests show up at Belvedere. Everyone had a great time, and one of the guests came the next day to study the Divine Principle with us. It's a small start – but I know those 5 guests would not have come if no one had the courage to say hello and give them a flyer.

Our next step will be to use the bookmarks we made (300 in total) to gain donations for the orphanage in Haiti – and through that to meet many more people who we can invite to participate. Through their participation they will be introduced to our True Parents and the Divine Principle.

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

Providential News

- True Mother is in Hawaii. There is a Divine Principle Workshop taking place that includes members of 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!**
 - From Saturday June 22 we begin a special 40-Day of **Sharing the Blessing!** Everyone is invited to make special effort during this time to reach out to others with an invitation to learn more about our movement and the Divine Principle

Quote for the Week

"However hard you may struggle to educate yourself, if you don't practice living for other people, you will have been educated in vain."

Sun Myung Moon, A Needed Man, 7/16/1975

Announcements

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Outreach

- There is a new Website being prepared by National HQ for guests that you can check out – it's:
www.dplife.info

- Check out our NY District Website www.familyfedny.org. guests can now become our friends.

- Bookmarks for Peace:

Help create 1,000 bookmarks to raise funds for the children of Haiti

Join in an afternoon of **CREATIVITY, MUSIC, SNACKS**, and....the **JOY** of building a better world by living for the sake of others!

Sunday, June 30 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: the Belvedere Estate 723 S. Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591

Community

- **Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Motoko Sugiyama!** Mrs Sugiyama is retiring after 21 years of service to our Heavenly Parent and our True Parents – as the Vice-President of WFWP International – working at the UN. A celebration in her honor was held at the Main House at Belvedere, Saturday, June 29.

- **Opportunity for Youth to Study in Korea:**

- Summer 21-Day and 40-Day workshops at Cheongpyeong. Financial help is available for transportation. See the email that was sent to you for details (or call Rev Compton)
- SunMyung Moon University: Scholarships are available. See email that was sent to you for details, (or call Rev Compton)

- **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!

Other

- Family of 4 is looking for TEMPORARY Lodging from July 15th Until September 15th in the WestRock Community. 1-2 Rooms are needed
Please Contact **Chaplain Daryl Clarke (917) 574-5823** with any information or for questions

Prayer

- Conference Call Prayer for Outreach: All are welcome, Sunday 7:45 to 8:10 am
- Conference Call to pray for the Sick: Please join us in prayer at 9:45pm on Wednesdays

Next Ahn Shi II: Tuesday, July 9, 2013

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!



April 30, 2013

The Honorable and Mrs.
Address1
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Dear,

We are deeply honored to inform you that you have been nominated as New York Parents of the Year. Join us for The National Parents of the Year Gala and Awards Ceremony to be held on Saturday, July 20 at 3:00 pm at the Grove Premier Banquet Hall. This fine venue is located at 691 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009. (www.thegrovenj.com)

This elegant and fun event is part of the Parents' of the Year celebrations taking place nationwide. This year's theme is **Celebrating Our Families, Our Tradition... Our Values** and will bring together our distinguished nominees from across New Jersey and will feature a keynote speaker, ballroom dance, elegant dinner and many additional surprises.

On Parents' Day, we pay tribute to our parents, a source of great comfort and stability in society. Through patient instruction and a loving example, they instill in children the values and principles that shape their character and make our nation strong and prosperous.

The cost for the ticket is \$70 per person or \$560 for a table of 8.

Our organization works with churches, schools and community organizations providing specialized programs on **marriage, parenting and character education.**

We look forward to seeing you and to enjoy a wonderful time together.

Warmest regards,

National Parents Day Hosting Committee Member

National Parents Day Coordinating Office
21 Swarts Drive, Covington TWP, PA 18424 | Tel 570 842 3205

THE NATIONAL PARENTS DAY GALA & AWARDS CEREMONY

Grove Premier Banquet Hall

691 Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, New Jersey 07009.
140 State Route 23, Pompton Plains, NJ.

Saturday, July 20, 2013

Starting at 3:00 pm

RSVP

Name: _____

Guests: _____

Cost \$70 per person

\$70 per couple for all nominees for Parents of the Year

Make check payable to PFC and mail payment to:

Lourdes Swarts

21 Swarts Drive, Covington TWP, PA 18424

For more information, please visit us online at www.PARENTSDAY.COM

National Parents' of the Year Nomination form

(Please provide a family photo via email to:

Due by July 7, 2013

Husband: _____

Wife: _____

Address: _____

Tel: (best time to call) _____ email: _____

How many years of marriage? _____ # of children: _____

Names of Children (age): _____

DESCRIPTION: While recognizing that there are many successful parents in a variety of family arrangements and circumstances, the National Parents' Day Council strives to lift up the model of the two-parent family. We welcome Single Parents nominations for the Excellence in Parenting Award.

Community involvement:

Dedication to family:

Please use the back of the form/additional paper for additional information.

Nominated by: _____ Tel: _____

Organization: _____ Email: _____

*Volunteers needed: Become a Church, City or County National Parents Day coordinator by calling our office at: **Thank you!***

Parents' Day Criteria

1. Parents that exemplifies qualities of sacrificial love.
2. Parents have overcome major obstacles (emotional, physical, financial, etc.) to provide for children's personal development and happiness.
3. Parents exhibit qualities of personal moral virtue and/or religious commitment.
4. Parents have a noteworthy record of contributions to their family and community.
5. Single parents demonstrating outstanding commitment to the community and family are to be nominated for the Excellence in Parenting Award

Ambassadors for Peace Association

Address 1

Address 2

www.parentsday.com