# **WestRock Family News**

Andrew Compton July 27, 2014

# Motto of the year:

Let us become true owners of Cheon il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!

# Important Happenings Around the World

TRUE MOTHER: is in Hawaii – for the DP workshop that is now taking place for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> gen

#### SPECIAL DAYS FOR THE FAMILY FEDERATION WORLDWIDE:

Sunday, July 27 (July 1 by the Heavenly Calendar) was **7-1 Jeol** – (the day of God's Eternal Blessing) and Saturday, August 2 is **7-8 Jeol** (the Day TP proclaimed the Realm of Cosmic Sabbath for the True Parents of Heaven and Earth) Next **Ahn Shi II** is on Friday July 4

#### **HERE IN AMERICA:**

**USA Holy Ground, God's Hope for America Pilgrimage Tour**, is up and running! They have been on the road for 37 days! Monday they were in Nebraska. Please pray for them and the victory of this tour – to make a foundation upon which True Parents' work can move quickly forward in America.

#### IN NY DISTRICT:

## AND IN WESTROCK:

<u>Divine Principle Study & Discussion</u>: held Mondays, 7:30-9pm at the White House.

# The Sermon this Week (and last week)

The video of the sermon from last week, given at Belvedere by Dominic Barber "Kingdom Ownership ... Everyone's Dream, and this week's sermon by Justin Okamoto, "Being Human" can be viewed at this link:

Dominic: <a href="http://vimeo.com/101357580">http://vimeo.com/101357580</a>
Justin: <a href="http://vimeo.com/101952300">http://vimeo.com/101952300</a>

# **Pastor's Weekly Greeting**

Greetings everyone!

My wife and I are back from the "God's Hope for America Tour." My wife was on from Miami to Minnesota and I was on from Boston to Minnesota.

It was a quite an amazing experience – of prayer, of reflection on True Father's heart, life, and work of restoration, of redetermination, and of making an offering in unity with a wonderful team of brothers and sisters (all races and age groups) centered on True Parents and our national leader Dr Balcomb. (please pray for his strength – he is giving 100% at every stop).

I really wish more of you could have gotten a bigger taste of this experience. At the same time I am so grateful for all that you invested on July 17 when the God's Hope for America Tour visited NY, You were incredible! At the 6 am prayer – I had thought maybe 100 members would be a reasonable goal – to show up at the Central Park Holy Ground. That morning I was counting the numbers and stopped counting when I reached 400, with still many more to go. Wow! I could feel how inspired God was!

Special thanks to those who took the day off and volunteered their services. I won't try to name everyone, you know who you are. You're the best!

Now our challenge is to keep our awareness up — of the Tour. The Tour, the members together with Dr Balcomb, are all still going — pushing themselves everyday to reach every Holy Ground.

Now our next job is to PRAY, and ask our Heavenly Parent for guidance - "what is our next step?" That is my

prayer and my constant thought.

Let's Remember, Revive, and Re-imagine our future!

(In order to follow the Tour you can go to the website: godshopeforamerica.com, or the facebook page: "God's Hope for America," or you can *search* for updates on the internet by typing #godshopeforamerica into their search bar.)

Make it a great week!

God Bless You and your Family! Andrew Compton

#### **Pastor's Wife's Greeting**

Hello Brothers and Sisters!

My husband has asked me to share some testimony about my participation in the GOD"S HOPE FOR AMERICA Bus Pilgrimage.

As my husband told you, I joined the tour/pilgrimage in Miami, FL on July 6<sup>th</sup> and continued until July 27<sup>th</sup> in Minneapolis, MN.

In each location, brothers and sisters gathered to meet the bus and join together with us in music, prayer, Hoon Dok readings, testimonies and many other special local offerings such as the Parent's Day Award Ceremony at Belvedere, gospel choir performances and dramatic readings.

The main thing I realized through this experience was how little time I had been truly offering to God, Our Heavenly Parent and how selfish and lazy I had become over the years. Because the schedule on the bus was very full and because the focus of our efforts was entirely public, i.e. for the larger purpose—our spirits were allowed to grow tremendously. It was a steady diet of vitality elements from morning to night each day. We drank lots of physical and spiritual water so, had to stop at numerous roadside rest stops, where we gave out bookmarks to people in fifteen minute spurts. Our goal was 10/day and often we did more. This was a great chance to witness without all of the suffering side effects!

So, 21 days packed with love, truth, beauty and all things good and true penetrated my heart and soul and made me whole. I highly recommend it.

I feel completely transformed and am very much looking forward to talking with each one of you about my experience and about what I believe True Mother wants from us now. God bless you. Take care.

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Lydia Compton

# **Prayer Requests**

Laura Nabetani is now at home – and doing better. Thank you all for your prayers!

Jiau-Lan Weinstein

Moses Kiely - 3 years old, grandson of Michael and Maria Kiely, diagnosed with leukemia

# **Testimonies/Reports**

If you have a testimony or report to share please send it to me (<a href="mailto:comptonfamily@yahoo.com">comptonfamily@yahoo.com</a>).

Light Thought for the Day:

# At the Restaurant

We took the family to one of those restaurants where the walls are plastered with movie memorabilia.

I went off to see the hostess about reserving a table. When I returned, I found my 10-year-old granddaughter staring at a poster of Superman standing in a phone booth. She looked puzzled.

"She doesn't know who Superman is?" I asked my husband.

"Worse," he replied. "She doesn't know what a phone booth is."

#### **Announcements:**

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## **Outreach**

**DP Study & Discussion at the White House:** Monday evenings 7:30 PM.

#### Community

**Holy Day Celebration**: Saturday, August 2, 8 am at Belvedere. **7-1 Jeol** – (the day of God's Eternal Blessing) and **7-8 Jeol** (the Day TP proclaimed the Realm of Cosmic Sabbath for the True Parents of Heaven and Earth). We will have an offering table and cake. Please come and join in the service.

KEA is holding a DP workshop Aug 17-20 at the KEA church in Northern NJ.

For more information – a flyer was sent out by email. If you still have questions call Rev Compton

# **Essay Contest**:

This is a worldwide Essay contest for young people under the age of 25, in three age categories: Under 12, Under 17, and Under 25

- Submit a 500-word essay on the topic, "My Commission from True Parents."

Consider the following scenario: This morning, you unexpectedly receive a letter from Korea. Opening it, you are shocked and pleased to see it is a letter from True Father, written to you personally just a few days before he went to the hospital in 2012.

In it, True Father bequeaths you a small portion of his responsibility and asks you in sacred trust to carry it forward on his behalf.

Choose to write either (1) the commission letter from True Father to you, or (2) your response to True Father's commission.

- Entries should be sent to <a href="mailto:execoffice@unification.org">execoffice@unification.org</a> by July 31. Don't forget to include your name and age.
- Winning essays will be announced on Friday, August 8.

  Prizes in total of \$2100: the first place winner will receive \$700; Second place receives \$400; third

# 2015 Recruitment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class of UPA Cadets

wins \$300; and seven merit awards of \$100 each will be given.

- 1. May the blessings and love of the Heavenly Parent and True Parents be with all regions and mission nations.
- 2. Since its establishment in the first year of Cheon II Guk, Universal Peace Academy has put unceasing effort into educating young leaders of CIG who will guide the providence with spirit and truth in accordance with True Parents' special directions. This is to announce the recruitment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> enrolling class of UPA cadets.

# 1. Qualification for application

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 A Unification church member with a model life of faith, good physical health,

and a clear understanding of the providence

- o Graduation from a 4-year university, or having earned a degree of equal or higher status
- Born after January 1, 1975 (Below 39 years old)
- Neat personal demeanor, and without physical or mental handicaps

# 2. Application period

August 1 ~ August 31, 2014.

#### 3. Selection test and admission

On-site Candidate Selection Camp (Nations and regions abroad)
 Period: September 1 ~ Middle of October, 2014.

- On-site Candidate Selection Camp in Korea(3 days 2 nights)
   Period: October 3 ~ 5, 2014. (The place will be announced later)
- \* The selection camp will be held internationally (2 days 1 night, or 3 days 2 nights). Determined after consulting with the headquarters of each nation.
- Entrance exam: DP test, English language test, physical ability test, Korean language test (foreigners only), in-depth interview
- < style="text-align:left;color:black;font-family:비당,serif;font-size:10pt;font-style:normal;font-weight:normal;margin-top:0cm;margin-bottom:0pt;"> www.upa1920.org \* Recruitment information and application form available for download at homepage
- o Announcement of successful candidates: Scheduled at the end of October 2014.

#### 4. Scholarship

Tuition fee, dormitory fee, UPA uniforms and all educational expenses covered through True Parents' scholarship, with the condition to fulfill the 3 year course and graduation requirements

#### 5. Contact

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## **Apology Campaign**:

- The goal is 1,200 signatures per district.
- We need to go beyond our membership to secure this goal.
- The apology document is on the website <a href="https://familyfed.org/danburyapology/">https://familyfed.org/danburyapology/</a> (The pdf is attached again for printing if needed).
  - Special Offering for the 2nd Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa
- Each individual and family is asked to donate \$120 and \$210 respectively.
- Donations should be made to the local church by August 1.
- National Memorial Service is planned for Sep. 20 in New York. Families and individuals, who wish to do so, are encouraged to double this donation to support the national event.

#### Other

Ken Weinstein has an available apartment for rent from September 1st. He lives in Peekskill.

Make it a Great Week!