

FFWPU International: A New Page in History - How Shall We Write It?

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Respected and beloved Blessed Families and members of the Unification community around the world,

As we welcome the New Year of the 14th year of Cheon Il Guk, I sincerely pray that the abundant grace and peace of our Heavenly Parent may be richly bestowed upon your families. Today, on the 6th day of the 1st month of the Heavenly Calendar, we come together with hearts full of gratitude to commemorate True Father's 106th birthday and True Mother's 83rd birthday.

The 6th day of the 1st month in the Heavenly Calendar - the same holy day on which both True Father and True Mother came into this world - signifies far more than the birth of great leaders destined to guide an era. It marks the advent of the Returning Messiah after two thousand years and, in the 6,000 years of human history, the first embodiment of the Heavenly Mother, long lost to humankind. This was an event of profound and universal joy in human history.

Therefore, the 6th day of the 1st month in the Heavenly Calendar is not only the day on which we celebrate the Holy Birth of the True Parents, but also the historic day when, through their advent, humanity was restored to the embrace of the Heavenly Mother for whom it had so long yearned. This is a truth we must never forget.

On this occasion, celebrating True Parents' universal and providential holy birth, I have sought to understand True Mother's heartfelt guidance regarding what we must do to honor and uplift the dignity and glory of True Parents.

The Alarm of Suffering - Beyond Concept, into Living Reality

Looking back, the year 2025 - the Year of the Snake (Eulsa) - was a year that brought us dramatic experiences in which light and shadow profoundly intertwined.

It was a deeply significant year, marked not only by the unprecedented and historic event of attending the substantial presence of our Heavenly Parent, but also by True Mother's solemn proclamation of "the dawn of a new era and a new history through harmony and peace."

Just as a snake sheds its skin and emerges renewed, clothed in new life, we too were called to cast off our old self and embrace a sacred turning point - reborn in spirit and in truth. Yet before we could fully lay aside the shackles of the past and be transformed in harmony and peace, we faced the grave ordeal of True Mother's incarceration.

Beloved members, a snake must shed its skin in order to live. A snake that cannot shed its skin will

perish. Most significantly, when a snake sheds its skin, it also casts off the cloudy membrane that covers its eyes - the scale sometimes called its "spectacles." If this veil is not removed, the snake cannot see its path. It will lose its way or even starve to death.

Our life of faith is no different. If we fail to strip away the hazy veil of outdated concepts and old assumptions, we will be unable to clearly behold Heavenly Parent who is now with us in substantial reality. Inevitably, we risk becoming spiritually blind. Therefore, even though we have passed through the Year of the Snake and have now entered the Year of the Horse, our striving for inner renewal - our transformation toward harmony and peace - must continue without pause.

Beloved members, history before and after the year 2026 can never be the same. For six thousand years, Heavenly Parent has always been the object of longing and faith for humanity. But now, we are living in an unprecedented age in which we attend Heavenly Parent in tangible and substantial reality here on earth.

The suffering that True Mother is enduring these days conveys to all of us a profoundly solemn message. Just as we earnestly long to welcome True Mother back to Cheon Jeong Gung as soon as possible, so too has the time come for our faith to undergo a fundamental transformation. That transformation is this: the God who may have remained only within our concepts and thoughts must now be attended as a living and substantial reality - present before our very eyes. With the same aching and fervent heart with which we long to bring Mother out from confinement, we must fulfill our responsibility to manifest Heavenly Parent in tangible reality in every place and circumstance of our daily lives.

The year 2026 opens the first page of the second chapter of Heaven's providence - an age in which we attend Heavenly Parent not as an abstract ideal, but as a living, substantial reality. It is the First Year of the Era of Attending Heavenly Parent. Standing at this historic threshold, let us advance with four resolute commitments, boldly inscribing a new chapter in the unfolding story of history.

First, we must raise the standard of our faith by making a life of attendance our daily practice.

We have moved beyond the age of only believing in the invisible God and have entered an era in which we live together with the Heavenly Parent who exists as a living and substantial reality. In the past, sustained by faith and with a heart of attendance, we pressed forward toward our goal, fearlessly walking even where no path had yet been formed. Yet as we witness the grave ordeal that True Mother is enduring, we have come to a painful realization: on the path of faith, there are no shortcuts.

Now we must walk only the true and principled path, guided by the providential blueprint that Heavenly Parent has already laid out. Every step we take and every action we perform becomes a reflection of Heaven. Therefore, let us boldly cast off the old customs and ingrained habits of the past, and, as sons and daughters who attend Heavenly Parent in our actual lives, let us begin the opening page of this new history with lives infused with maturity, purity, and devotion.

Second, we must write a living history of Hyo Jeong - filial devotion expressed through the faithful fulfillment of our responsibility.

This age demands more than filial piety spoken only in words or displayed merely in numbers. It calls for responsibility lived out in the fabric of our daily lives. That means establishing tangible models of true love and the True Family Movement in our mission fields and in our homes, and faithfully fulfilling our responsibility before Heaven through the fruits borne of those lives.

Such lives will be remembered and recorded as the most precious and beautiful chapter in the history of Cheon Il Guk.

Third, we must leave behind for the world a proud and undeniable record of truth.

The misunderstandings and prejudices we experience today may arise because we have not yet fully borne witness to Heaven's values through the way we live. Now we must move beyond the confines of a closed community, becoming a mature fellowship that breathes together with society and embraces humanity with sincerity.

In doing so, we must boldly create a history of truth so evident that the world itself will have no choice but to acknowledge it.

Fourth, we must give tangible expression to the true love and heart that dwell within us, and thereby bring to fulfillment a Cheon Il Guk that transcends religion.

When True Father founded the early church, he declared, "I did not raise the sign of the Unification Church to create yet another religion. One day, that church sign will be taken down." By this, they meant

that we are called to move beyond the age of religion - an age centered on faith alone - and to establish the substantial nation of Heavenly Parent, grounded in true love.

Until now, we have attended the invisible Heavenly Parent, nurturing true love and heart only within the quiet chambers of our minds. But in this age - when we attend Heavenly Parent in substance, with our lives - the love we have long treasured within must now take visible and tangible form. It must become a living presence that our spouses, our children, and our neighbors can see, feel, and experience directly.

If we do not become the embodiment of love, the church signboard will remain a burden to us. But if we ourselves become the living substance of love, then even without a signboard, the world will come to recognize that Cheon Il Guk is within and among us.

So long as our faith remains confined to an abstract and conceptual "religion," the signboard can never be taken down. But when we untie the bundle of love we have kept bound within our hearts and allow our neighbors and society to truly encounter it, then at last we will transcend the walls of religion and bring to full realization the nation of true love - Cheon Il Guk.

The Resolution of Rebirth

At this decisive turning point in 2026, as we open a new chapter of history, we must boldly cast off the shell of old concepts that have long encased us. Just as Christianity proclaims rebirth through the cross, so too must we - confronting the profound suffering of True Mother - embrace rebirth and a transformed life⁸. In other words, we are called to advance into the place of victorious resurrection, united in heart and purpose with True Mother.

Our rebirth is not merely a resolution confined to the mind. It must be demonstrated in our lives through the four transformations I have just spoken of. It is like a caterpillar that patiently endures within its narrow cocoon, nourished by True Love and Heart, until the appointed time comes to break through its shell and emerge as a butterfly, spreading its beautiful wings. Now is the time for us to shatter the cocoon of concepts, to rise with strength, and to let our substantial love and heart be carried to the ends of the earth.

I am reminded of the flood judgment recorded in the Bible during the time of Noah. In those days, God did not reveal the fact of judgment to all the people, but only to Noah. Yet as we now witness the trials of the Father nation, Korea, and the Mother nation, Japan, I feel deeply that we are not abandoned, but rather "blessed ones." Unlike in Noah's time, today Heaven, the world, and even our own consciences together raise a single voice, sounding the alarm: "Change!" The blows we receive from the world are not signs of rejection, but Heaven's loving warning to awaken us from slumber. But what happens if a snake cannot shed its skin? What happens if a caterpillar cannot emerge from its cocoon? Therefore, we must change - and indeed, we can change.

If the flood in Noah's time was an unavoidable choice to wash away the sins of the past, then I believe the situation given to us today is a blessing - a time when Heavenly Parent, who loves us deeply, awakens us to the moment of transformation and grants us the opportunity to once again write a new history.

My Confession: From Concept to Substance

This "embodiment of love" is not something lofty or difficult. I hope that one humble confession of mine may serve as a small clue for you.

As a typical, conservative Korean man, I was someone who did not know how to properly say even a single word of "I love you" to my wife. After receiving the Blessing, I helped her tirelessly with all kinds of difficult tasks, but what she longed for more than my actions was simply to hear one warm word from my lips: "I love you!" Even after we had five children, I was too shy to ever once say those words to her.

Then, in 2007, when I returned to Korea, my wife was left alone in America to raise our five children. In the midst of this, she fell into panic disorder, to the point that her daily life was paralyzed - she could not even drive. Hearing of her condition, I could do nothing but pace helplessly in Korea.

It was then that I began calling her every day, pouring out the words I had kept buried in my heart all my life: "Honey, I love you!" "Thank you so much for raising our children so well!"

Almost like a miracle, her condition began to improve, and I, too found myself able to say "I love you" naturally. In the face of my wife's crisis, shyness and conservative pride proved to be nothing but illusions.

I realized that no matter how much love I carried in my heart or how much I helped outwardly, if I did not express it, the other could never fully feel that love. And the most precious realization of all was this:

when my wife rejoiced, my own joy was doubled.

Conclusion: Let Us Unpack the Bundle of Love

Beloved members, you are people who possess hearts more righteous and good than anyone in the world, who know true love and have been trained in heart. And yet, despite this, the world continues to misunderstand us. Despite this, the world still misunderstands us, sometimes even viewing us as alien beings or distorted figures!

What is even more heartbreaking is that within our own faith community, voices lament that love has grown dry, and we face the reality that even our children, thirsting for love, are leaving the community. Though our hearts are surely filled with love and heart, why then are we so starved for love and so desolate in spirit?

Could it be because the love and heart within us have remained only "our own," never fully shared? Recall the times when, upon giving love to another, our joy was doubled and our heart filled with grace. Indeed, somewhere along the way, we have forgotten the very essence of love and heart, and the true meaning of the "give-and-take action" through which love and heart continually grow.

It is no exaggeration to say that our community now faces a life-or-death crisis. In the face of this crisis, what use are pride, appearances, or position? Now is the time to boldly unpack the bundle of love and heart we have kept stored deep within.

We must share the love and heart we have cherished without reserve, moistening each other's parched emotions and filling one another's hungry hearts.

Beloved members,

The love within us must no longer remain a secret. When I open my mouth first to speak love, when I extend my hand first to share heart, that substantial warmth will bring our children back and move the world.

The place where we unpack the bundle of love - that is Cheon Il Guk. And it is there that Heavenly Parent and True Parents will finally find their dwelling place. The moment we unpack the bundle of love, True Mother's suffering will be changed into glory, and Cheon Il Guk will no longer be a distant ideal but a living victory within our daily lives.

Let us beautifully adorn the first page of the new history in 2026 with the record of substantial true love!

I earnestly pray that, within Heavenly Parent's great love, you will all become victorious [grains of wheat].

Thank you.

I love you.

May you receive abundant blessings in this New Year.