

## IAYSP Korea's 2021 Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Hope Festival

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IAYSP Korea held their 2021 Heavenly Parent's Holy Community's Hope Festival on November 21. This event had the theme, "You are the Hope" with the president of IAYSP, Dong-yeon Kim, as the master of ceremonies.

Its three parts each had a sub-theme, "Who is a young person?" "Who is the Mother of Peace?" and "Who is God?" Young students from heavenly Korea's five subregions attended and lit up the event. Among the participants we had spiritual parents, spiritual children and newly reinvigorated members from previously dormant church families. The program proved to be a valuable time to get to know Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.

Singer Sojung Lee, who appeared in part one said, "I think that just seeing young people who are wisely overcoming the COVID-19 era brings me hope. You think of me as an icon who overcame adversity. I am very grateful and proud that you think of me like that. [Sojung and another band member suffered serious injuries and a third band member died in a car accident on Sojung's birthday in 2014.] "I want to tell you

that no matter what adversity you face, you can achieve your dream if you do not give up and work to overcome hardships." With that message, she expressed her support.

In part two, Miss Yeon-su Choi, a member of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community's second-generation, gave a testimony about the Mother of Peace. Yeon-su, who is currently attending a university in the United States, talked about True Mother's feelings and heart, which she encountered while studying abroad. Borrowing examples given by leaders who have recently attended various conferences, she testified to True Mother's efforts to create peace. "There are various words we can use to describe True Mother, but the one that fits best among them is 'Mother of Peace,'" she explained. "I want to grow into a wonderful woman who strives for peace just as True Mother does." After her speech, the Little Angels, who had participated in True Mother's recent world tour, uplifted us with a beautiful cultural performance. One of the troupe's members shared her feelings about True Mother, whom they saw up close during her tour, and testified to the participants about how much effort the Mother of Peace invests.

In part three, Jong-pal Choi, a Presbyterian pastor, talked on the topic "Who is God?" Pastor Choi said, "God is the parent, and therefore all human beings are God's children." He added, "The reason that Heavenly Parent's Holy Community is great is because it testifies that God is our Heavenly Parent."

After all the speeches, we had time to welcome the new members, and we organized a performance to light and deliver scented candles to them. Spiritual parents then read letters aloud to their spiritual children with all their hearts and then presented the letters to them.

Doo Wop Sounds sang their most popular songs, which were favorites of young people and created a warm atmosphere. After the main events, "Honeymoon," a Cheonwon Youth Church band, put on a street performance.

One of the most exciting aspects of the event was a newly built metaverse platform, which attracted the attention of many young students. [A metaverse uses many types technology, video, virtual reality and augmented reality, which causes users to feel as if they are physically in a digital universe.] The metaverse allowed for two-way communication -- not only watching, but also getting directly involved. One of the participants expressed his satisfaction by saying, "It was amazing to attend the program through a new endeavor, a metaverse; I was able to enjoy the experience with my friend through a variety of games and events." At the end of the day, we realized that approximately 1,015 participants logged into the metaverse, and about two thousand young students participated in a real-time contest, including some 150 on site, some 164 online, and six hundred others live via Peacelink.

An evangelist who attended through the metaverse said, "I was able to enjoy various performances while participating in the event, and as I learned about the achievements of Dr. Hak Ja-ha Moon, I felt that she is a great person. I will try to learn more about her achievements through my spiritual parents. Another metaverse attendee said, "When I was first invited to the event, I was a little reluctant because it was religious. However, I observed that many types of people joined the event through the metaverse platform. Next time there is an event like this, I will actively participate."

Under the blessings of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, young students of heavenly Korea were able to become one and had a precious time learning about Heavenly Parent's Holy Community and the Mother of Peace. In the future, we will continue to create opportunities to inform young students around the world about Heavenly Parent's Holy Community and the Mother of Peace. We thank the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind for allowing us to have such a precious experience.