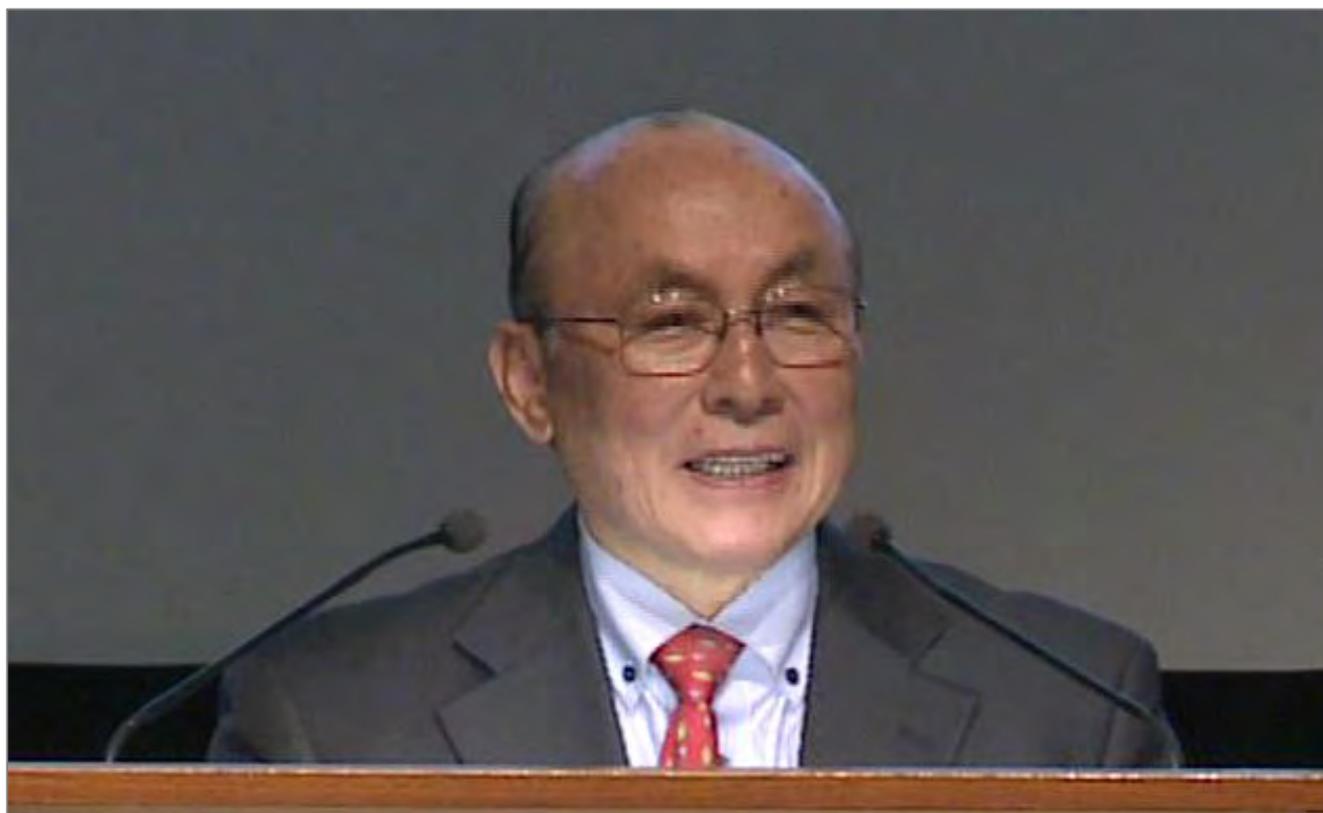


# Welcoming Remarks to the Europe Cheon Il Guk Assembly by Rev. No Hi Pak, special emissary to Europe

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**R**espected Mr. Jack Corley, our continental director, all European national leaders from 36 mission countries, UPF and WFWP leaders, and beloved brothers and sisters, good afternoon! Dr. Moon and I are so happy that we can participate in this wonderful 2016 European Cheon Il Guk Assembly in Prague and convey our beloved True Mother's love and encouragement.

## **The Four-Year Course of Hope**

Actually we have been working with all of you in Europe as special emissaries for almost two years. To my joy, we see among you many familiar faces whom we have met in your mission countries. We are so happy to meet you all together once again.

Of course, I reported to our beloved True Mother about this 2016 European Cheon Il Guk Assembly in Prague. She said she will pray for us with great expectations for Europe.

In May 2015, centering on True Mother and with heartfelt gratitude to her, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the European Mission. At that time True Mother gave us abundant blessings and encouraged us to make a new determination to fulfill the Cultural Revolution in Europe. One year after True Mother's visit we have gathered here to evaluate last year's accomplishments and redesign our activity plan. Thank you very much for your coming and participation.

## **The Fourth Year of Cheon Il Guk Has Dawned**

According to our Church tradition, the new year usually begins only after we have celebrated True Parents' Birthday and Foundation Day, according to the heavenly calendar. Therefore, we now truly have ushered in the new year, the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk.

Dr. Moon and I hope that in this new providential year, the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, you all will be healthy under the blessings of True Parents and t



hat you will achieve many great accomplishments for the victory of Vision 2020 in the Providence of True Parents.

### **Tours as Special Emissaries**

As special emissaries and representatives of True Parents, we have toured in many nations of Europe. In each country we visited the communities and we held Sunday services together with the local members, explaining to them the urgency of our providential mission in this critical time.

We also visited our members in their homes or sometimes in their workplaces and encouraged the blessed families who have been devoting their hearts as tribal messiahs through their Home Church activities.

In addition, we met with many young Second Generation members preparing for the next generation, and we emphasized to them that the younger generations, who are our hope and pride, need to work harder with a sense of responsibility and ownership.

Wherever we went, we also met the elder members who have devoted their whole lives pioneering the path of the Providence, following only True Father's direction, and we thanked them with bowed heads for their sacrifices and devotion. We conveyed to them the love and appreciation of our beloved True Mother.

### **Special Emissaries' Mission**

After True Father's ascension, when True Mother appointed the special emissaries, she said:

**“At this critical time I really want to visit each continent and country to encourage all blessed families and members. But physically it is difficult, so I am going to send the special emissaries as my representatives.”**

So our mission is to be a special “Bridge of Heart” between local communities and True Mother's heart.

Whenever we reported to True Parents the beautiful news about local activities, we always tried to convey the testimonies of blessed families who have upheld the Will of God with absolute faith.

Moreover, by reporting to True Mother about the difficulties of each nation, we have tried to make efforts to find solutions for them.

### **From Pioneering Age to Settlement Age**

What is more, with a clear understanding of the reality of our Unification Movement in Europe today, we have continued to emphasize that we are living in the period of great transition from the **“First Generation's Pioneering Age”** to the **“Second Generation's Settlement Age.”**

It is absolutely necessary to raise leaders who can take responsibility for the next age. And we have to evaluate our present situation deeply to find out the **“sustainable development plan” of our movement.** Actually, we don't have much time. I think the coming five years will be the most critical time period in history.

At this urgent moment in time it would be hard to fulfill our mission even if we were united with one heart centering on True Mother. But our reality is that we are plunged in chaos and stagnation due to internal and external divisions and challenges.

Therefore, we have continued to agonize over how we can overcome this reality, regain our determination, inherit totally the legacy of True Father and develop our future united in one heart with True Mother.

If we lose our driving force for building Cheon Il Guk at this time, the value of our elder members' lives of sacrifice will fade away and our hope for eternal life will disappear. We absolutely can't let that situation happen.

Beloved brothers and sisters, following the third anniversary of Foundation Day on 13th January,



2016 by the heavenly calendar (20th of February), the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk has dawned.

### **Definition of the Fourth Year of Cheon Il Guk**

What do you think will be the significance of the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk?

I would like to define this year as follows: On the foundation of True Mother's having fulfilled the "three-year mourning with all her heart for True Father's Seonghwa," the official mourning period has come to an end. Now the time has begun in which True Mother can newly concentrate on continuing True Father's legacy and realizing the great works of establishing Cheon Il Guk.

That's why True Mother named these coming four years until the year 2020 "**the Four-Year Course of Hope.**"

At the same time, for the last three years we, the citizens of Cheon Il Guk, have felt like "orphans" who have lost one of our parents. But from now we have to make a new determination, with a strong sense of responsibility as True Parents' children, to inherit and develop their legacy and devote all our energies into the "Cheon Il Guk substantialization movement."

True Father persevered through the course of suffering in carrying out the work of restoration through the hardship of indemnity course, and ultimately prevailed on the path of his God-given mission as True Parent.

Now we have entered the era wherein we can begin earnestly to substantialize the "ideal of building Cheon Il Guk," which was proclaimed by True Mother on January 13, 2013, by the heavenly calendar, on the foundation of True Parents' victory.

During the last three years True Mother by herself has forgotten the immeasurable sorrow of her loss and has encouraged us with the words: "There is no stopping for us. The only direction to go is forward." Thus she has fulfilled, one by one, the providential tasks related to the settlement of Cheon Il Guk. One example of this is completing the compilation of the Three Holy Scriptures.

Now the Providence of Heaven has ushered in the period of transition from the "**age of the wilderness**" of hardships led by True Father to the "**age of the settlement of Cheon Il Guk**" led by True Mother. Therefore, she has developed and supported a special program to nurture and train the leaders of the next generation like Joshua and Caleb. Thereby she created a new atmosphere

to help members of the Second Generation feel a sense of responsibility and ownership of our future, such as the Universal Peace Academy (UPA) program and the Top Gun workshops.

In addition, True Mother also has encouraged the activities of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) and organized the Cranes Club, bringing together those Second Generation members who are working in various fields with diverse expertise and knowledge. Through this she wants to guide them to live within the “Realm of True Parents’ Love and the Values of the Principle.”

### **Cheon Il Guk Has to Be Built with Our Hands**

On the basis of such victorious achievements of True Parents, the task of establishing Cheon Il Guk now has been given to us.

Some people may ask, “Where is this Cheon Il Guk proclaimed by True Parents? The world isn’t changed at all. It still remains a hell on earth with nothing but disputes raging in it.”

But at this time we need to ask ourselves a question: “Do you want to find Cheon Il Guk in the outside world, hoping that we will enjoy the Cheon Il Guk established by someone else?”

We have to know clearly that the Cheon Il Guk proclaimed by True Parents begins from “me” and no one else. It needs to be practiced first in my heart, in my life and in my own family.

And it is with our own hands that we need to expand the ideal values and living norms of Cheon Il Guk to our society.

There is no one who can establish Cheon Il Guk for us. Any hands other than ours cannot do this work for us. We need to realize that the work of establishing Cheon Il Guk lies solely with us.

Our Family Federation is the faith-based movement of True Parents. The words and lives of True Parents are our identity to be proud of and the origin of our traditions. We all need to embody the words of True Parents in our lives, so that we can substantialize the words and practice them in our daily lives, thus perfecting our individual characters as True Parents have done and becoming perfected human beings of true love. By so doing, we can realize Cheon Il Guk within me, within my family and expand it throughout the earth.

True Mother said, “Since you have all been blessed as tribal messiahs, you should fulfill your mission

and responsibilities until Cheon Il Guk is established on this earth.”

The Cheon Il Guk proclaimed by True Parents is an infinite blessing bestowed on us. This is because Cheon Il Guk is a nation where true families who have perfected the ideal of the family have expanded into families, tribes, nations, the world and even the cosmos.

This blessing is not about the physical things visible to our eyes, such as material things, or secular values. Instead, it is a blessing which will make me happy when I have achieved the union of my body and mind, which will make us all happy when we live together in solidarity with families, and which will help us realize a world of eternal peace when we live together in harmony and through which we will be saved when we go to the spirit world in the future.

Sometimes we are living in despair because of the limitations of Cheon Il Guk that we see in front of us. So do we give up hope? Yes or no? That’s not right, for the ideal of Cheon Il Guk proclaimed by True Parents is the realization of God’s ideal of creation, which will be achieved without fail in the course of eternity.

God has continued to endeavor to fulfill His ideal of creation without abandoning it, and since the ideal of Cheon Il Guk already has been proclaimed, this is a Providence not of creating something out of nothing, but of developing something that is already there into something better. Therefore, this work will advance that much more easily.

God will never forsake His Providence of restoration in the course of history, and therefore the ideal of Cheon Il Guk will be realized without fail. Let us not confine ourselves to the limited expectations of human beings; instead, let us believe in the eternal existence of God’s Providence. And let us all as individuals become the starting point of the establishment of Cheon Il Guk.

### **Building Cheon Il Guk Is Our Eternal, God-Given Task**

Building Cheon Il Guk is not a confession of faith in the Last Days with a time limit; rather, it is our eternal, God-given task that we humans need to carry out in our everyday lives and achieve in the end.

In the age of wilderness we have passed through, our Heavenly Parent and True Parents nurtured us

with vertical absolute faith, but in the age of the settlement of Cheon Il Guk we need to embody the teachings of True Parents and practice true love, so that we can reveal our identity as True Parents' children, that is, the "citizens of Cheon Il Guk," through horizontal "love-sharing." Thereby we can change this world.

### **It Is Time to Reveal the Truth**

In recent years True Mother has emphasized to us more than anything else, "Now the time has come to reveal the truth." In particular, when she said these words in relation to the history of Christianity in Europe, she was more earnest than ever before. And when she said this to the Christian leaders of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) in the United States, she was firm and resolute.

To conclude, we have to realize the ideal of FFWPU by going out together into the world as true blessed families and practicing True Parents'

teachings by "living for the sake of others," so that we can successfully fulfill our mission as Heavenly Tribal Messiahs blessed by True Parents and become the cornerstones of the construction of Cheon Il Guk.

And let us never forget that we need to live in the Cheon Il Guk we have built by ourselves.

### **Let Us Love and Be Proud of Our Beloved True Parents**

In these days True Mother has encouraged us continuously to love and be proud of our beloved True Parents eternally.

Let us love our True Parents with all our heart, and let us be proud of our True Parents' whole life and achievements with all our efforts.

Dr. Moon and I hope that True Parents' blessing will be always with you, in your families and in your communities.

Thank you very much.

