

A Rebuttal from Personal Testimony to “Facts Behind the Change of Leaders of the Unification Church in the United States, and Hyun Jin Moon’s Removal From His Public Positions”

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Like any faithful Unificationist, I am concerned and saddened by the crisis that has arisen for our movement’s leadership. I happen to have been a personal witness to some of the most critical events that have taken place, which have been reported and interpreted from various points of view. Like many of you, I have friends whom I love and respect, who believe Hyun Jin Nim has been unfairly vilified and disenfranchised from the mission and legacy intended for him by Father. They continually point to unrighteous leaders, misinformation and injustice allegedly perpetrated even by members of the True Family. When I have calmly tried to share the experiences and events that I personally witnessed, and the obvious points that they continue to overlook or avoid, they always tell me, “You do not know the full story,” or, “there are so many things that you are not aware of.” I have continually asked for someone to tell me the full story from their perspective.

I recently came across a document that attempts to tell this story, to demonstrate the injustice that these undoubtedly sincere brothers and sisters feel has been perpetrated by the current leadership of our movement. I understand it was created quite some time ago, but I first saw it only a few days ago via Email. I have included the version I received below, without alteration. Since I personally experienced some of the pivotal events described in it, and am named very specifically as a participant in one of the most crucial, it gives me an opportunity to clarify several misconceptions and misrepresentations contained in the document. I also want to reemphasize some obvious historical facts that are consistently being ignored or avoided by those who share this point of view. For my part, I will rely only on what I myself have seen and heard first-hand.

Based on personal experience (rather than hearsay or testimony from others), and from what I have heard directly from True Father, I share the perspective of most Unificationists that this is not a “power struggle” between two “sides” of the True Family, but a crucial challenge for True Parents’ eldest son on earth, Hyun Jin Nim, to embrace the challenging role and path that his father is now asking him take. I do not question Hyun Jin Nim’s motivation for doing now what he believes is necessary to complete True Parents’ legacy, nor do I wish to demonize or accuse our passionate and determined elder brother. But it is increasingly apparent that his perspective and priorities are at odds with True Father’s. I believe in Hyun Jin Nim’s capacity to find his way through this difficult course, and am earnestly praying for his victory and liberation from this painful situation, like Unificationists all over the world. I look forward to working with a united True Family, under True Parents’ blessing and guidance.

I will first address events that are misrepresented, beginning with the one with which I am identified in the document:

I. The August 22, 2008 Meeting of the HSA-UWC Board, at which In Jin Nim was appointed to the Board, and the board’s composition was changed [highlighted in blue in the document below]

The document reports that the meeting at which In Jin Nim was appointed to the HSA-UWC board, and the board’s composition was changed, was called suddenly. It is implied that this was purposely to push through drastic action on short notice. I was one of those who was asked to resign. In fact, In Jin Nim called me personally one or two weeks earlier to express her desire to make the HSA board more professional and balanced. She explained the need to improve the gender balance and move from the traditionally male-dominated board. She envisioned representation from more than just the east coast of our church, and pointed out that having too many church executives on the oversight board (I was a Vice-president of HSA at the time) was unprofessional and legally ill-advised. She said, “I wanted you to hear

this directly from me, and understand my reasons.” I was therefore prepared for and supportive of the goals of these changes. I am well-aware that others were prepared as well. The meeting itself was scheduled on short notice according to provisions in the by-laws, but it was not secret or unexpected.

More importantly, once it was reported to In Jin Nim that True Father did not want changes made to the board without his approval, she was responsive and willing to follow Father’s direction, as the document acknowledges. The board was then reorganized with Father’s approval. Of course, just as the document also emphasizes, the way the board changes were first reported to Father, by whom and for what motivation, could have strongly affected Father’s reaction. But I do not want to play that game. I simply want to testify that In Jin Nim’s actions and methods were above-board, professional, and genuine, based upon my personal experience.

II. The HSA-UWC Board meeting that Hyun Jin Nim asked for in February of 2009, which was adjourned by a vote at In Jin Nim’s request [in green below]

Once again, there are significant differences between what the document describes and what I personally experienced. I was informed by HQ staff that Hyun Jin Nim requested this meeting, and he would join by telephone. I was also told that I may want to be on the phone as well, because the first vote called for would be to restore the former board members (including me), and that would be followed immediately by a vote to remove In Jin Nim as chairperson, and elect Hyun Jin Nim to that role. I was troubled by this for two reasons: (1) It was apparent that In Jin Nim was neither being informed of or invited to this board meeting, and (2) I had recently experienced the February 23rd leadership meeting with Hyun Jin Nim, mentioned in the document below. In contrast with the noble way it is described here, it seemed unnecessarily confrontational and divisive to me, and damaging to True Parents, True Family, and the Unification Church. I will describe that meeting next.

Because I felt uncomfortable about this proposed secret and sudden board meeting (quite different from the August, 2008 board meeting that appointed In Jin Nim), I called to Dr. Chang Shik Yang, a trusted friend and respected elder, whom I knew was attending Father directly in Korea. Immediately upon answering his cell phone, Dr. Yang said to me, “Father does NOT want this meeting to take place! Why are they pushing this against True Parents’ instructions? Father wants the confusion to stop, for all True Children involved to come to Korea, and work this out together with True Parents!”

Hearing this, I called or emailed every board member I could reach, explaining Father’s instructions and challenging them not to participate. To be honest, some board members working directly with Hyun Jin Nim and Dr. Pyunghwa Kim inferred to me that they had no choice but to follow their direct central figures, and that they believed Father would work everything out later in Korea. In fact, the reason that Hyun Jin Nim and other True Children attended by phone was that they were already in Korea to meet together as Father had requested. I had extensive debate with two board members in particular, conveying that this meeting was destructive to True Parents and our church, and that their responsibility in this era was much more than simply “following their central figure.” I am sure they will confirm this fact.

Therefore, I know that the reason In Jin Nim asked for a vote to adjourn the board meeting was, as she clearly explained, Father did not want any further confrontation, and did NOT want it to take place. I also know that the reason Rev. Jenkins “changed his vote,” as the document mentions, was that he also knew Father had directed that the meeting should not take place. I will leave it to Rev. Jenkins to share firsthand how he tried to convince both Hyun Jin Nim and Dr. Kim of this as they flew to Korea to meet Father, as well as how he was physically accosted both to coerce his vote and in anger after Father’s bitter rebuke of Hyun Jin Nim at the meeting in Korea.

So when the document below alleges that Father was swayed by the false reports of others that Hyun Jin Nim was disobedient, but that he was actually doing what Father asked, I cannot buy it, based on my own experience. In fact, when Father directed that those who voted with Hyun Jin Nim to continue the board meeting against Father’s direction be removed from the board, Hyun Jin Nim told them not to resign. I

know this because when I heard about Father's direction, I again called several board members, encouraging them to follow, and they told me that Hyun Jin Nim told them not to worry, that he would "straighten everything out" with Father after his Japan tour. Once again, we debated about their responsibility to unite with True Father rather than Hyun Jin Nim, or any True Child, for that matter. I thought that Father's angry reaction to their initial disunity would demonstrate to them that they were wrong. But they chose once again to follow Hyun Jin Nim's direction to not follow Father's direction.

I recognize that Hyun Jin Nim believed that others were manipulating the situation, and he may have come to even doubt Father's judgment and capacity. That may be the reason he so confidently guided them against True Father's direction. But from my limited perspective and experience, I believe he was wrong, and those who followed him then and now are wrong as well. Because I knew that Father was against holding this board meeting, I chose not to participate in that telephone call. Although I regret not participating directly, it was recorded, and I have read the transcript in detail.

One might assume I am merely taking one "side" vs. the other, particularly because I am currently working with In Jin Nim. But that was not exactly my situation in early 2009. In fact:

➤ At that time I was in the process of leaving my responsibilities with HSA-UWC. In addition to asking me to resign from the board, In Jin Nim had asked me to step down from the responsibility of Director of the Education Department of HSA-UWC. Not long afterward, the position of Vice President, of which I was one of 5 or 6, was eliminated, and my church salary cut in half. Again, none of this was done maliciously or confrontationally. In Jin Nim clearly explained her concern for the disorganization and ineffectiveness of the education efforts of multiple departments and roles at HQ. She pointed out my weakness as an administrator, and my strength as teacher and counselor. She conveyed why education would be best developed by a woman, experienced in educating her own teenagers, and a professional experienced in administration and curriculum development. She appointed me as "Lecturer," and encouraged me to pursue a degree and gain experience in counseling. I did not like losing my roles at HQ, but I could not disagree with her vision. In fact, I had recommended Heather Thalheimer to her when we spoke on the phone the previous August, when In Jin Nim first asked me to resign from the board. I can also testify that Mrs. Thalheimer is developing our education and empowering our young people at a level far beyond what I could have done.

➤ I had worked closely with Hyun Jin Nim at the FFWPU HQ, and had overseen and organized all of the community service projects for the Global Peace Festival in Washington, DC in August, 2008. I was inspired by Hyun Jin Nim's broad strategy and approach, and was not a fan of focusing on our church or religion in an exclusive way. I had no preferences or loyalties to particular personalities, and my actions then and testimony now are motivated only by my understanding, however limited, of what is true and right for God, True Parents, and our movement. In fact, if I was motivated by position, compensation or personal loyalty, it would have been more "strategic" to back the one who would restore my role on the board, the one with whom I had worked more closely, etc.

➤ I do not see 2 "sides" of a divided True Family, fighting over position, power, or the "spoils." I see one son struggling to unite with his father, while an increasingly united and cooperative core of True Children work together to attend True Parents, establishing and developing our movement for the future, and for our children. I spent the summer of 2007 in Seoul, and watched the beautiful harmony and unselfish mutual support demonstrated between Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim, each lifting up the other, attending each other, seeking a humbler, supportive position.

I know how many times True Mother called to our Continental Director during 2009, as Hyun Jin Nim was pulling funds and resources from UCI to support the work that True Father had directed him to stop. Mother consistently encouraged us to be careful not to criticize, attack or hurt Hyun Jin Nim, so that he would be able to find his way back to his father's requested path. I know how many weeks and months In Jin Nim hesitated to say or do anything confrontational toward her brother, how many meetings were held wrestling over the need to stop the illegal, disobedient and financially damaging things that were taking

place, while still being embracing and respectful toward a True Son of True Parents. As boards were being taken over, properties being sold, and assets being redirected, I witnessed how many times In Jin Nim had to be convinced by others to allow strong words to be said, and the “other side” of the story to be told.

When In Jin Nim gave gentle, indirect and symbolic sermons emphasizing the importance of humility, or that if someone is doing wrong, it is not true love to continue to empower them (which was in accordance with True Father’s guidance), I was amazed that Hyun Jin Nim’s supporters attacked her as if she had pilloried him in the public square.

I also heard so many angry and wounded words directly from True Father, spoken in Las Vegas and at East Garden. Words as strong as “Hyun Jin Nim should be leading people to Heaven, but he is leading them to Hell,” and calling for his son, and those who support him, to come to Father directly. “Who is the True Parent? Are there two sets of True Parents? Who is the owner of the Washington Times?”... and on, and on. When the document below alleges that Hyun Jin Nim has not been allowed or has been blocked from meeting with True Father, I cannot buy it. I remember greeting Father upon his arrival at East Garden, after he flew to meet Hyun Jin Nim and Father’s newly-born first great grandchild for the first time. As Father flew to New York, Hyun Jin Nim and his family packed up and left East Garden before his arrival. Can someone explain to me Father’s continued return to Las Vegas, sending Bishop Ki Hoon Kim and other emissaries to Hyun Jin Nim, calling for him to come and see Father? I have heard of stronger words and actions from Father, but want to stick only with what I have heard and seen myself.

III. The February 23, 2009 Meeting of Hyun Jin Nim with USA Leadership (in yellow below)

This meeting, which I attended, took place several days before the telephone board meeting described above. We all arrived expecting that the meeting was to organize how we could support the church providence under In Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim, in harmony with the UPF and GPF providence under Hyun Jin Nim. This was our understanding of Father’s direction and intent. We were inspired by Hyun Jin Nim’s accomplishments, and no one was seeking to limit or undermine his mission. What happened at this meeting was pivotal in my own determination that Hyun Jin Nim was following an unprincipled and damaging path for True Family and our movement. The document quotes a HQ memo that diplomatically, and incorrectly, describes the meeting in harmonious and cordial terms. In fact, my recollection is as follows:

- Hyun Jin Nim, having just met with his elder sister, described the legal, political and financial crisis that our movement was facing, particularly in Japan and Korea, and the vital necessity for Father’s foundation in America, the Washington Times in particular, to survive. For this reason, he said, Father had asked him to take total control of the American movement, and that we should all unite with him absolutely.
- Hyun Jin Nim alleged that In Jin Nim was never meant to be the leader of our American church. He apologized that due to his focus on the GPF providence, he had not paid enough attention as In Jin Nim’s ministry and role expanded, and was not aware of its development. He said that if he had paid attention, he would not have allowed In Jin Nim’s role as leader of the US church to ever be established. This puzzled me, because Hyun Jin Nim had attended In Jin Nim’s installment ceremony as the substantial USA church leader months before, stood on stage with her, and congratulated her. Nonetheless, Hyun Jin Nim assured us that due to this “emergency” situation, he was the sole spiritual leader of the US movement.
- Hyun Jin Nim then asked how In Jin Nim’s appointment as leader in America, which he claimed was not Father’s intention, was accomplished. He held up international memos, signed by International President Hyung Jin Moon, which confirmed the appointment. He claimed this was proof that Hyung Jin Nim’s direction did not represent True Father, and that international memos could not be trusted. This puzzled me, because these memos came through the World Mission Department, under Rev. Kwak’s authority and with his approval. And just days earlier, in front of my own eyes, Hyung Jin Nim had been uplifted by True Father into spiritual authority, representing True Parents, during a coronation ceremony.

Nonetheless, Hyun Jin Nim told us that we should ignore all international memos from now on. Father's direction comes only through me," he said.

➤ When asked whether he supported In Jin Nim's ministry, and would allow it to continue, Hyun Jin Nim was non-committal, saying, "we will see."

The entire meeting had a violent spirit of confrontation and divisiveness. It was the first time I had a sense that there were any "sides," and it was only Hyun Jin Nim who was demanding us to choose one or the other. We had come to the meeting in the spirit of Father's direction for two aspects of the movement to develop harmoniously: one was the "internal" providence of the church under Hyung Jin Nim's role, newly affirmed by Father's bequeathing spiritual authority through not one, but three coronation ceremonies! The other was the providence of UPF and GPF, centered upon Hyun Jin Nim. I had not experienced anyone trying to undercut or undermine Hyun Jin Nim's role in these areas. And Father had left America after the coronation and Blessing ceremonies, expressing satisfaction with In Jin Nim's leadership and happiness with America's situation. I felt that Hyun Jin Nim was the one dividing our movement, disobeying True Parents, confronting his siblings, and undermining any kind of healthy spiritual process. As much as I love and respect Hyun Jin Nim, I was offended by this.

After speaking to us, Hyun Jin Nim asked if anyone had a question or objection, and went around the room in a confrontational manner, person-by-person. I was prepared to raise my concerns honestly. But I also wondered what In Jin Nim wanted and where she was, as we had expected to meet with both of them together. So I sent a text to In Jin Nim, explaining that I felt this process was destructive: "Hyun Jin Nim is taking over, and you already have the trust and support of so many families and BCs. This is damaging for True Parents and our movement. What should I do?" I did not expect a quick answer, as I was not close to her and did not know where she was. But soon her answer came, and I will never forget what she wrote, "I do not know why my brother feels compelled to take complete control. But I will report to Father and we will follow whatever True Parents want. In the meantime, please support him as you would any member of True Family."

Because of this message, I did not challenge Hyun Jin Nim. I learned later that In Jin Nim's private meeting with him had been similarly confrontational, but I will not write about what I did not witness directly. But the same heart of humility, grace and support for True Parents that I experienced from In Jin Nim on that day, is what I have seen from her throughout this crisis.

IV. Some Additional Points to Consider

Until now, those who are sympathetic with Hyun Jin Nim's difficult situation, as well as others who are simply critical of the church in general, have focused upon the unrighteousness of church leaders, or unfair criticisms of Hyun Jin Nim, or Father being unaware, manipulated, or even not in control. Some have questioned other True Children, True Mother's motivation, and True Father's mental capacity. But all the while, they continue to ignore the obvious and clear main issues, all of which unfolded before the eyes of our worldwide movement:

A. Father groomed and raised Hyung Jin Nim for this religious mission

I remember the puzzlement and discomfort among those of us working with Hyun Jin Nim in 2006, when Father announced Hyun Jin Nim's responsibility for business in America, Kook Jin Nim's responsibility for business in Korea and Japan, and Hyung Jin Nim's responsibility for the realm of religion. I cannot remember the date and cannot quote Father directly, but I remember how seriously it was discussed, and what it meant for Hyun Jin Nim's spiritual role was debated.

Then, Father assigned Hyung Jin Nim as pastor of a local church in Seoul, and after success there raised him to pastor the HQ church, then the Korean Movement, and finally appointed him as International President of our church. Hyung Jin Nim was groomed by True Parents for religious leadership of our

church, while Hyun Jin Nim does not want us to even be a church.

B. *Father identified Hyun Jin Nim's role as primary representative of True Parents' authority*

Three crowning ceremonies held in front of the world, in which True Parents bestowed this authority through a special prayer, are hard to explain away.

C. *Father raised True Mother and acknowledged her as equal to him, and representative of True Parents' authority after him*

Questions of True Father's capacity, clarity or age are irrelevant. While Father is amazingly clear and profoundly insightful, it is not blasphemous or unprincipled to acknowledge that he may not always be, as he continues to age. But Father already provided for a clear succession process, which begins with raising and anointing True Mother as absolutely representative of the authority of True Parents. Father acknowledged this in public ceremonies more than once. I love and respect Hyun Jin Nim as a member of True Family, but he is accountable to the same Divine Principle as you and I.

D. *Father moved Hyun Jin Nim from the "Abel," Younger Brother's position to the "Cain," Elder Brother's role*

I am not qualified to interpret True Parent's providence. But we all know the pattern of restoration in providential families: the elder son is often challenged and struggles, the second son may become a sacrifice, and if so, the third son will inherit the second son's, or "Abel's," position. This played out in the course of True Family, as Hyo Jin Nim passed through many struggles, Heung Jin Nim became a sacrifice, and Hyun Jin Nim, the third son, inherited the "Abel" position. Hyun Jin Nim stepped determinedly into this role in 1998, embracing his mission and promising to inherit everything from True Parents, lead a unified True Family and educate the Second Generation. I will forever be grateful to him for his determination and example, and his passion and vision for our movement. I honor Hyo Jin Nim as well, who struggled to unite with his younger brother, but out of respect for True Parents' will humbled himself, embraced the "Cain" position and restored his life as a True Son.

On the Day of All True Things in 2008, in a celebration at King Garden in Hawaii just weeks after Hyo Jin Nim ascended to the Spiritual World, leaving Hyun Jin Nim as the eldest son on earth, Father held a special ceremony which I was privileged to attend. Father asked Mother to emcee the program that morning, which I had never seen. He spoke of his coming ascension, and how he needed to set up a clear order of succession on earth and in Spirit World. I remember feeling as if Father was about to depart right then and there.

After he spoke, Father had Mother stand in front of him, facing him. He had Hyun Jin Nim stand on his left, and Kook Jin Nim on his right, facing him and each holding Mother's hand. He centered both sons on True Mother, saying Hyun Jin Nim was the eldest son on earth, and was aligned with Hyo Jin Nim in the Spirit World, in the "Cain" position (Father's term). He said that Kook Jin Nim was aligned with Heung Jin Nim, in the "Abel" position. Then Father offered a special prayer. I confess that I did not realize the significance of this meeting at the time. But while I cannot confidently say why Father has asked Hyun Jin Nim to take the humbling path of the elder son, I believe that he is asking just that. And I take Father seriously knowing he said that these three sons, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim, must unite before Father can leave this earth in peace.

I apologize to True Family, and Hyun Jin Nim in particular, for any insensitivity or misunderstanding conveyed in my testimony. I believe he is passionately pursuing what he believes to be best for True Parents' legacy, even in spite of them, and that he thinks he is the only one who can do it. But I ask him to consider who can bring the True Family together in a manner other than by force, coercion or legal power. Continuing to fight against the will and legacy of True Parents will only bring pain to them and ruin to our movement. But I am confident, as most of our world movement is, that if this True Son can embrace his

Father's direction, humbling himself, that his unique genius, powerful leadership and special abilities will be raised even greater than before. All conscientious Unificationists should pray, work, and align themselves properly to support this.

With love and prayer,

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Facts Behind the Change of Leaders of the Unification Church in the United States, and Hyun Jin Moon's Removal From His Public Positions By Blessed Central Families for Truth and Transparency

The Unification Church is going through unprecedented internal problems. Events in Brazil in June 2010 made the world wide membership aware of a serious struggle going on in the leadership of the movement.

Hyun Jin Moon and the members around him have been identified by church authorities as the culprits or cause of the problems.

The resources and authority of the church have been mobilized to denounce him. He has been alienated from the rest of the True Family and prohibited from publicly speaking anywhere in the world. Members who work with him have also been prohibited from speaking at church services and have been removed from leadership positions.

As with any controversy, there is more than one side to the story as well as many points from which to begin the narrative of the issues, but for simplicity sake let's begin with a major change which occurred on July 29, 2008.

In 2008 Hyun Jin Nim had led the first of a series of Global Peace Festivals. The initial event in Paraguay was an overwhelming success. As his attention was focused on the upcoming festivals around the world, changes were being made in the United States.

Change in Leadership

On July 29, 2008 the leadership of the Unification Church in the United States underwent a notable change.

Up until that time Hyun Jin Nim had been carrying out the responsibilities of spiritual leader for the church activities of North and South America.

On July 29, 2008 a memo by Hyung Jin Nim was issued from the International Headquarters in Korea appointing In Jin Nim as "Chairperson of the Unification Movement in America."

The use of the title "Chairperson of the Unification Movement" in an official document was peculiar since there was no such position nor was there an organization or legal entity of that name. The use of it left room for different interpretations.

The news of the appointment was a surprise to Hyun Jin Nim who had not been advised or consulted previous to the change. He, nevertheless, accepted it as having the approval and blessing of True Parents.

Three weeks later In Jin Nim convened a meeting of the US HSA-UWC board to effect changes. The meeting announcement was sent at 11:00 p.m. August 21, 2008 for a meeting at 7:00 a.m. the next morning.

Board meeting protocol requires that notice be sent to all directors at least 48 hours in advance. Standard meeting scheduling policy was not followed. The short notice was unusual and foreshadowed drastic action. Most of the existing board members were asked to resign and new members were appointed.

Resignation was requested from:

Pyung Hwa Kim - Chairman
Mrs. Julia J.H. Kim
Rev. Michael Jenkins
Dr. Tyler Hendricks
Bishop Ki Hoon Kim
Mr. Jin Man Kwak
Rev. Phillip Schanker
Dr. Hugh Spurgin

New directors appointed were:

Mrs. Tatiana In Jin Moon - Chairman
Mr. James Park
Mrs. Sheri Rueter
Mrs. Christine Froelich
Mrs. Josie Hauer
Rev. Joshua Cotter

Two days later, August 23, 2008, True Father was advised of the board changes . He demanded the original board be reinstated.

With this it became apparent that True Father's permission was not sought in advance when the changes were made. In a show of compliance to Father's direction the board was partially reconstituted. Five of the eight original members were reinstated.

Reinstated individuals included:

Dr. Pyung Hwa Kim
Rev. Michael Jenkins,
Dr. Tyler Hendricks,
Mr. Jin Man Kwak,
Dr. Hugh Spurgin

The reinstatement excluded:

Mrs. Julia Kim,
Bishop Ki Hoon Kim,
Rev. Phillip Schanker

At the same time four out of the six board members appointed by In Jin Nim were kept on the board.

These included:

Mrs. Tatiana In Jin Park Moon
Mr. James Park
Mrs. Sheri Reuter
Joshua Cotter

The composition of the new board decisively changed the balance of the HSA-UWC governing board. With six votes constituting a majority vote, the four new members plus two would control the policy of the American Church.

These changes signaled a move to secure authority under the new leadership of HSA-UWC.

The appointment of In Jin Nim and the board changes caused some confusion among the general US leadership as to how the church responsibilities were to be divided between Hyun Jin Nim and In Jin Nim.

New Board

Mrs. Tatiana In Jin Park Moon

Mr. James Park

Dr. PyungHwa Kim

Mrs. Sheri Reuter

Rev. Joshua Cotter

Rev. Michael Jenkins,

Dr. Tyler Hendricks,

Mr. Jin Man Kwak,

Dr. Hugh Spurgin

Dr. Neil Salonen

Mr. Farley Jones

True Father's Clarification

Rev. Pyung Hwa Kim and Mrs. Kim visited True Father in Alaska. They requested clarification from him regarding the appointment of In Jin Nim in America and what Hyun Jin Nim's role should be.

True Father explained that In Jin Nim was sent to America as a "Chook Sa Jang", which is a pastor or church leader. She was not appointed as the Chairperson of the American church.

Father instructed Reverend Kim to guide her under Hyun Jin Nim's spiritual supervision. True Father's direction was recorded and the audio recording was presented to In Jin Nim. She disregarded the recording.

Hyun Jin Nim seeks clarification from Father

Hyun Jin Nim decided to seek clarification directly from True Father. On September 14, 2008 Hyun Jin Nim asked True Father about the HSA-UWC board changes.

Father scolded Hyun Jin Nim because he thought the changes to the board were made by Hyun Jin Nim. He demanded the board be restored to its original composition.

True Father also reiterated the direction that North and South American church were under Hyun Jin Nim's supervision and that Hyun Jin Nim was definitely responsible for all U.S. church activities.

Hyun Jin Nim conveyed Father's direction to In Jin Nim about her role as well as Father's direction to restore the original board, but received no response from her.

(09/23/08 – 09/25/08)

On September 30, 2008, as a response to Hyun Jin Nim's communication to In Jin Nim, a memo was sent out from International Headquarters stating that all FFWPU board appointments and dismissals in each region and mission country must receive approval from the International President, Hyung Jin Nim.

This represented a serious turning point in our movement's policies for leadership selection because it moved the final authority from Father's spoken word to Hyun Jin Nim's "official" memos.

It was also noteworthy because Father's direction now had to go through the channel and filter of the International Headquarters.

The Coronation Ceremonies were held beginning January 15, 2009. In early February soon after the Coronation Ceremonies, Father asked Hyun Jin Nim to commence a world peace speaking tour.

These ongoing series of events resulted in a disturbing confusion as to who is really in charge. Contradictory messages continued to surface. In February of 2009 True Father strongly emphasized Hyun Jin Nim's role in the Americas (See video from Hoon Dok Hae Feb. 20th and 21st - Peace TV HDH recording - ipeacetv.com). In this period, True Father was establishing special roles for Hyun Jin Nim in Korea, Kook Jin Nim in Japan, and Hyun Jin Nim in the Americas.

On February 22, 2009 True Father met with leaders at the Central City facility in Seoul, Korea. He repeatedly emphasized the role of Hyun Jin Nim in the Americas as the spiritual head and once again clarified the role of In Jin Nim as a Chook Sa Jang.

On February 22nd and 23rd - Mr. Dong Moon Joo came to East Garden and conveyed and confirmed True Father's direction on Hyun Jin Nim's continuing responsibility for the Unification Church activities in the Americas.

In spite of direct witnesses to Father's words and direction, no supporting confirmation came from Hyun Jin Nim's office, the International Headquarters of our worldwide church. Yet, Kook Jin Nim went to Japan and began assuming complete responsibility over Japan within several days of Father's direction.

Reverend Pyung Hwa Kim wrote the following letter to Peter Kim asking for Father's clarification on the issue:

"America has also been attentive to True Parents words and has been waiting for an official announcement through an international memo or notification regarding True Parents' words. Although there is no objection that True Father's words are effective and carry absolute authority, in order to have a direction of such providential magnitude take effect rapidly it must go through the executive procedures and must be sent out as a public memo.

Hyun Jin Nim heard True Father's words and has been waiting for a week for this direction to be announced through a public memo. However, he can't wait any longer as he has to leave America due to the world tour which begins on the 25th starting with Japan. And because Father repeatedly emphasized the direction in public occasions, Hyun Jin Nim has requested an immediate meeting of the board in America on the afternoon of the 23rd based on True Father's words.

What I want to ask you, advisor Hyo Yul Kim (Peter Kim), is to do a final confirmation of True Father's direction that each of the three True Children are respectively in charge of the three nations, and ask if you could have that content sent out as a public memorandum to all the world by Monday morning through the Mission Foundation."

On February 23, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Hyun Jin Nim met with In Jin Nim at the New Yorker Hotel to explain Father's direction. He also expressed his support of her ministry and oversight of the Manhattan Center. He then met US leaders later that afternoon at 3:00 p.m. to report on Father's clarification of his and In Jin Nim's roles. The next day Hyun Jin Nim asked that a HSA-UWC board meeting be held to fulfill Father's direction to restore the original board.

The board meeting did not go well. Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim (neither were board members) attended by phone. Kook Jin Nim declared the meeting to be unauthorized. In Jin Nim called for a motion to adjourn the meeting and the motion was passed by a simple majority of one vote, In Jin Nim and the three board members she had appointed plus Michael Jenkins and Farley Jones. Michael Jenkins had told Hyun Jin Nim before the meeting that he understood the situation and would support in restoring the board. He then changed his vote.

Hyun Jin Nim had no intention of removing In Jin Nim from the HSA-UWC board, but instead had attempted to restore the rest of the board to its original composition, as he had been asked to do so by Father. However the incident was portrayed as an attack on In Jin Nim.

Coincidentally, the same day (February 24, 2009) Joon Ho Seuk responded to Pyung Hwa Kim's request to Peter Kim to seek a final confirmation from Father on these issues, with an email stating that Kook Jin Nim had advised him that nothing had changed.

From: joon h seuk <joonhseuk@yahoo.com>
To: Pyung Hwa Kim <usakim777@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 3:42:49 AM
Subject: The case of In Jin Nim's position as overall president

President Pyung Hwa Kim,

Thanks for your hard work. Today Kook Jin Nim asked me to notify you that there is no change in In Jin Nim's position as overall president of America. I hope everything can be resolved well.

Joon Ho Seuk

This position was further supported that day with an official memo from Hyung Jin Nim. The memo presented an organizational chart and directives. The chart placed Hyun Jin Nim and UPF under Hyung Jin Nim. The letter also ordered that any event or rally should receive approval from Hyung Jin Nim

If taken literally this would mean that Hyun Jin Nim should get permission from Hyung Jin Nim to hold the GPF rallies which Father had asked him to do.

Meanwhile, the meeting between Hyun Jin Nim and the US leaders was the subject of this February 25, 2009 memo sent by the Continental Director and Michael Jenkins.

The memo demonstrates that Michael Jenkins was fully aware of the fact that Hyun Jin Nim was attempting to clarify Parents direction about the roles he and In Jin Nim should take.

Over a year later he (Michael Jenkins) is claiming to be a first hand witness to an attempted board take over.

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Pyung Hwa Kim
February 25, 2009

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MEMORANDUM

To: Block Advisors, District Directors, State Directors, All Blessed Central Families and Members
From: Dr. Pyung Hwa Kim, Rev. Michael Jenkins
Date: February 25, 2009

RE: Report on Special Meeting with Dr. Hyun Jin Moon

On Monday, February 23rd, the senior leaders of our US movement were called to meet with Dr. Hyun Jin Moon who shared his vision for our movement in America and the important role of our work in the world today.

One key purpose of the meeting was to clarify True Parents' recent statements about the overall leadership for the movement in the US. As True Parents' have stated in the past and several times last week at Hoon Dok Hae in Korea, Dr. Hyun Jin Moon has the central responsibility for guiding our movement in the USA and throughout the Americas.

Leaders were also briefed on plans for the UPF Global Peace Tour 2009, which includes major programs in 194 nations. Given the global economic crisis and other serious challenges facing the world today; Hyun Jin Nim stressed that this Peace Tour is a significant opportunity to provide vision and leadership centered on the model of the "Abel UN".

Peace Tour plans in the US call for special education programs in all 50 states during March and April. The main Peace Tour for USA featuring the keynote address by Hyun Jin Nim will take place in late April. The global tour will conclude in New York on May 15 with a special program connected to the United Nations.

Hyun Jin Nim thanked the Continental Directors and all leaders present for their continued faithfulness towards God and True Parents and the commitment and efforts to raise America as the leading nation to advance God's will to create a world of lasting peace.

Hyun Jin Nim also expressed his gratitude and ongoing support for his sister, Rev. In Jin Moon and her dedicated pastoral ministry as "chook sa jang" with the Family Federation USA.

Sincerely,

Dr. Pyung Hwa Kim
Continental Director, NA1

Dr. Michael Jenkins
President FFWPU, USA

Pyung Hwa Kim attempted to report the board issue to Father in these letters:

Dear True Parents,

Upholding True Parents' direction, Hyun Jin Nim was set to go on a world speaking tour for a long period of time starting from a tour of Japan on February 27th until mid- May. However, before that, as the person responsible for the overall providence of America, he wanted to finalize some official procedures that required immediate attention. The most important task among those is having the board meeting. This was also a means to restore Ki Hoon Kim, Jung Hae Park, and Phillip Schanker to their original position in the board as Father had directed to do. Through the board meeting In Jin Nim would stay as a board member while Hyun Jin Nim would be the chairman of the board; this way Hyun Jin Nim would have set things up to effectively do his public mission as the actual responsible leader for America as he was getting ready to leave on his tour for 3 months.

Dear True Parents,

I am very sorry, but I have to report the real situation to you. The American leadership should be uniting to overcome this difficult period, but they have suddenly all fallen into confusion. The Korean Mission Foundation claims that In Jin Nim who is following the direction of Hyung Jin Nim is responsible for the

church in America; while in America, according to the content of Father's recent words, it is being said that Hyun Jin Nim is in charge of the church and responsible for the Unification movement as a whole.

Soon after one of the original board members sent an e-mail to Hyun Jin Nim voicing his concerns about the new order in the management of the American movement.

(Names withheld to protect sender)

From: ...
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2009 1:33 PM
To: ...
Subject: information & a question

At your convenience, please convey the following information to Hyun Jin Nim, who apparently does not know about the role his brother has been playing in determining the leadership of the American church. My analysis is that a major reason for Hyun Jin Nim's current predicament and for the current conflict over the membership of the HSA Board is that Kook Jin Nim claims to be the vice-chairman of the International Department of the church, and he is using that position and even more importantly his relationship with Hyung Jin Nim to claim to be HJN's boss (superior), to arrange for his younger brother to sign directives on behalf of the International church, and to determine the leadership of the American church movement. Kook Jin Nim is using his international position to influence the decision as to who is the leader of our American church.

Board member letter continued

At the HSA Board meeting in New York City on September 4, 2008, which was held at the New Yorker Hotel, Kook Jin Nim sat at the head of the table and led the entire HSA Board meeting (even though he is not a member of the Board), and he spoke for nearly two hours in support of the chairmanship of In Jin Nim and constantly invoke the authority of Hyung Jin Nim and of the International church to decide who is the leader in America.

Previously In Jin Nim had been embarrassed by what happened on August 22 in which 6 members were kicked off the Board of HSA and 6 new people put on the Board, especially the fact that Father put Mike Jenkins, Tyler Hendricks and Hugh Spurgin back on the HSA Board and removed 2 of the 6 people that In Jin Nim had appointed. In addition to being at the HSA Board meeting on September 4, 2008 in order to provide support for In Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim actually led the entire meeting and was clearly using his position as the second most important international leader to support the chairmanship of his sister.

This communication brought up some critical issues:

- Is Kook Jin Nim the "Vice---Chair" of the entire International Church as he claims to be?
- Does he have the power to determine who is the leader of our church and movement in America, as he claims?
- Does he have the right to control who becomes the leader of the American movement?
- Had the International Headquarters gained the right to make sweeping changes without Father's express approval in advance?

These behind the scenes dynamics reveal that a fundamental shift had occurred in the way we manage our movement.

Hyun Jin Nim tried to communicate with True Father many times but was not successful in reaching him.

He spoke with Peter Kim to find out what had been reported to True Parents. Peter Kim said he reported to the Korea Foundation (under Kook Jin Nim) first and then reported to True Parents that Hyun Jin Nim was trying to change (not restore, according to Father's direction) the Board members in US.

When HJN finally reached Father, he was very upset by the reports he had received. He didn't listen to Hyun Jin Nim or Rev. Kim. Father told Hyun Jin Nim to come to Korea. When the True Children (Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Hyung Jin Nim and In Jin Nim) were gathered, Father scolded everyone and told True Children to work things out. But Kook Jin Nim and Hyung Jin Nim didn't cooperate.

Hyun Jin Nim had to leave on the next day for the Global Peace Tour which Father had asked him to carry out starting from Japan.

While on the tour and thus, during his absence from Korea, there were efforts to continue building the accusations against Hyun Jin Nim and to continue framing him of as one who tried to take over the HSA-UWC board.

Hyun Jin Nim had started the Global Peace Tour from Japan, but stopped in Taiwan because of Father's urgent call to come to Sokcho.

At Sokcho Father asked Hoon Mo Nim to read an extensive message from the Spirit World but she wouldn't come forward. It was read by someone else. The message stated many detailed points including that heaven was anointing Hyung Jin Nim (the younger brother) as the leader of the movement.

The message was later found to be fabricated. It was never released publicly and is not referred to in official communications.

The "Spirit World Message" presented to Father is a detailed plan for the management of our worldwide church and assets. It divides responsibilities among the True Children.

It also states that everyone, including the True Children, must connect to True Parents through the youngest brother, Hyung Jin Nim.

Kook Jin Nim is set up as the head and auditor of all worldwide businesses. This would place the assets of the entire movement under his control. The plan is comprehensive and represents someone's idea of how the entire movement is organized. Why and with what motivation it was presented as a message from the Spirit World has not been publicly explained, but it is clear that the introduction of the message as being from Spirit World was to elicit True Father's approval and lock in the new order as from Heaven and therefore irrefutable.

Father, based on the message from "Spirit World" and the reports he had received on Hyun Jin Nim trying to change the HSA board without his permission, dismissed those who were part of this supposed "takeover."

Hyun Jin Nim stood up in defense of those being accused saying it was not right. He and those members sought to follow the direction of True Father. These members he pleaded, are not here because they sought power and position; they follow Father because they love and trust True Parents.

Hyun Jin Nim asked that if these board members were to be dismissed from the board and removed from their public positions, first, he should be fired.

Hyun Jin Nim walks out of the room. He was asked to be brought back in, asked to apologize three times publicly which he did. When asked to sing publicly, overwhelmed with tears, he could not sing and Mother sang a song in his stead.

Hyun Jin Nim is asked to step down for one year from UPF and GPF.

One has to ask, what did an HSA-UWC board meeting for USA have to do with UPF or even GPF. Why was Hyun Jin Nim not simply removed from his position as Chair of the United States?

The board meeting had become a vote to adjourn a meeting. What if the objective of various leaders surrounding this case was to find a way to foster harmony, unity, resolution in the community? However one can question if to some, this seemed like an opportunity to create an even wider, unbridgeable divide.

The incident at Sokcho has been used as the basis for attacking Hyun Jin Nim throughout 2009 and 2010. His “disobedience” is not stepping down from all his responsibilities and surrendering everything under his control to his siblings. The accusation that he attempted a coup d'état at HSA-UWC draws attention away from the actual coup d'état that took place when HSA-UWC and the responsibility for the US church were taken from him by political maneuvers.

International Headquarters uses its official declarations with impunity to force compliance with their plans. Father's name is invoked to prevent any questioning of their actions. The plans seem to include removing Hyun Jin Nim from the picture. In the US church website, he is not even included as a member of the True Family. Although they often point to Hyun Jin Nim's relationship with Father as the problem, in all actuality the move to remove him began long before the Sokcho incident.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. Conscientious members should at least give Hyun Jin Nim the benefit of the doubt and be open to hearing the other side of these and all critical issues.