

Prayer Rally For The Salvation Of The Homeland And The Realization Of A Heavenly Unified Korea

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A united desire for the unity of North Korea and South Korea and of the world was strongly expressed on December 5 by around 1,200 religious leaders in the Cheongshim World Peace Center. Onstage including Pastor Paula White-Cain were forty-two religious leaders symbolizing our hopes for 2022. Watching the broadcast live online, the same desire for unity was in the hearts of perhaps one million peace advocates and as many as twenty thousand or so additional religious leaders representing the 157 nations who have established diplomatic ties with the two Koreas. Those religious leaders were virtually present at the event through synchronous communication software that allows live, two-way interaction. Additional religious leaders and peace advocates were seated in the auditorium.



The master of ceremonies, Dr. Young-ho Yoon, director general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, stated that national egoism is effecting many nations during this COVID-19 era. He said, "The world seems to be heading toward conflict and division instead of harmony and co-existence as we see a rise in policies and tendencies prioritizing national interests.... The effects of national egoism are especially devastating when they escalate beyond division and conflict to confrontation and strife, and ultimately to war and bloodshed."

Dr. Yoon told the audience that this has been a historic year. On May 9, True Mother launched Think Tank 2022, which consists of 2,022 leaders from the Summit Council for World Peace, the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace, and the Inter-religious Association for Peace and Development. Among those leaders 1,011 are from overseas and 1,011 are from Korea.

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In addition to Think Tank rallies, True Mother has been holding a sequence of Think Tank 2022 Forums featuring leaders such as Mike Pompeo, who under then President Trump was director of the Central Intelligence Agency and later then secretary of state; Mike Pence, who was vice-president under Donald Trump; and Jim Rogers, the American investor. Through these events and heart-to-heart interaction with prominent figures such as these, True Mother hopes to go beyond simply proposing an ideal vision to developing concrete policies in the fields of politics, economy, religion, diplomacy, security, culture, media and academia that would lead to a heavenly unified Korea.

On the foundation of these rallies, and her interaction with these speakers, True Mother will host, in February 2022, a Summit for Peace on the Korean Peninsula and a One Million-Person Rally for the Salvation of the Homeland with the cooperation of heads of state and religious leaders from the 157 countries that have established diplomatic ties with both Koreas.



Peace and Reconciliation Ceremony

Representing the one million people from the Republic of Korea attending or interacting with the event and twenty thousand religious leaders from 157 countries around the world, the forty-two religious leaders on the stage combined "unifying water" as female soprano Jeong Jin Kim sang the hymn "Amazing Grace." Before the event had even begun 1,200 people had also performed a peace water ceremony at the venue. Pastor Paula White-Cain who until recently was the pastor of the New Destiny

Christian Center in the US State of Florida, then delivered the Welcoming Address. She is well known as having been the spiritual advisor to Donald Trump while he was president. From the time she met True Mother in 2017, Pastor White-Cain has been an avid supporter of True Mother's vision for a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world. Among her remarks, she said, "What a great joy and honor it is to be here today. Giving honor to the distinguished faith leaders and to all those who are serving in the capacity of religion and faith and making a tremendous difference, I am honored to participate in this historic interfaith prayer rally for the peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula. I want take a moment to honor as well as encourage Mother Moon for her great work as a spiritual leader who loves the Lord and seeks to carry out and comfort God's heart in all the areas of conflict in the world. She is truly a jewel from God."



The first peace performance

In his introduction of the Little Angels, Dr. Yoon spoke of their hard work and dedication. He explained that True Parents had founded the dance troupe and that during their first tour in 1965, they performed for Dwight D. Eisenhower (US president 1953–1961). He added, "They have toured more than sixty countries, performed more than seven thousand times both in Korea and overseas, and appeared on television six hundred times. They have thus raised Korea's cultural status, and they have received four

presidential citations for their achievements."



The first prayer for peace

Representing more than eighty denominations in 157 countries that have established diplomatic relations with both Koreas, seven prominent religious leaders - - a former president of the Lutheran World Federation, Bishop Dr. Munib Younan; Islamic leader Dr. Nasaruddin Umar; Catholic Cardinal Kelvin Edward Felix; Shinto leader Murae Tokushu Takamita Manomiya; Indian Hindu leader, Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Schankar; African founder of the Revelation Spiritual Home, Prophet Samuel Radebe;

and Cambodian Buddhist leader, Samdech Ven. Dr. Khy Sovanarata -- prayed or gave a message of peace wishing for a heavenly unified Korea. They were.



The second peace performance

The Art and Fire Buddhist group, performed next. They practice loving and sharing their artistically sublime and unique Korean Buddhist culture and arts and promote the beauty of Korean Buddhism. Their performance was a grafting together of traditional Korean and Buddhist culture. They pounded on drums, which convey the Buddha's teachings and danced with grace as a gesture of peace.



The second prayer for peace

These prayers were offered by Korean religious leaders. The general director of the Taego Order of Buddhism, Monk Hom-yeong; the vice-chairman of the Korean Christian Council, Rev. Yeong-hwan Kim; the president of the Korean Muslim Federation, Dr. Hussein Dong-eok Kim; and the director of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Cheonshimwon Gi-seong Lee.



The founder's speech

This is an excerpt from True Mother speech:

"All religions have come to their final destination. What does this mean? It means that having come to its final destination, they need to recognize the purpose of their religion. Anyone who does not recognize this lives in the past. Therefore, centering on True Parents, we live in this new era. True Parents declared the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk and Cheon Il Guk has been firmly established. The time

has now come when centering on True Parents, on earth we can realize the holy temple, the sanctum of God where God will dwell." Following True Mother's speech, Dr. Yoon said, "We pray that the precious message that Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has given us today will be engraved in our hearts and that we will all unite to achieve the salvation of becoming a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world."



Following True Mother's speech

Dr. Yoon explained, "On November 30, 1991, Rev. Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon went to North Korea to open the frozen relations between North Korea and South Korea. They began a new history in the relations between the two Koreas. Today, we celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of their visit to North Korea." Pastor White-Cain, representing all the world's religious leaders and Dr. Yeon-ah Moon, chair of UPF-Korea, representing all the world's peace leaders presented flowers and gifts to True

Mother. After which, Two Universal Peace Academy cadets carried glass vases filled with water for True Mother to bless. Once she had blessed them, the cadets added them to the water that the forty-two leaders had earlier combined. Dr. Yoon explained, "Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon says that the original mind that God gave human beings is clear and pure, like pure water. In that sense, if you wish for a new and reunified Korea with a clear and pure heart, God will surely bless you and fulfill that vision. With this profound significance, the forty-two religious leaders onstage today, and the 1,200 peace leaders in attendance in the audience, are together performing the combining of the waters as a wish for peace."



The third peace performance

Yoo-tae Pyongyang, who as a child musical prodigy was known for having sung song a tradition song repeatedly for three hours at the age of six, now an adult, performed along with the Peace Choir to conclude this landmark event.