

The roles of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

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The 3rd Family Peace Society Academic Conference, co-hosted by the Family Peace Society and the Subregion 2 branch of UPF, was held on December 22 (11.29 H.C.) in the 2nd-floor seminar room of the Guri Family Church. The topic of discussion for the conference was "The Mission and Role of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification for a Heavenly Unified Korea."

FFWPU District Leader Kim Jong-Su, a professor of ministry at Sunhak UP Graduate University, in his welcoming message stated, "The ongoing work of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in Headwing Unification activities, the True Family Movement and Peace UN activities will be important cornerstones in bringing national unity and international cooperation in preparing for the age of heavenly unified Korea."

In his lecture on "The Family Theology of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification," Hwangbo Guk, Subregion 2 UPF chairman, emphasized, "One of the most important missions of the Family Federation is developing a family theology."

Speaking about his study of Jewish family education, Chairman Hwangbo said, "By studying the Jewish view of the family and of family education, which focuses on specific education about the Shema, Torah, and Talmud and then comparing the theological, education and social culture aspects of the Jewish church and the Family Federation, we can come to understand the meaning of Family Federation family theology and practical methods for teaching it. The core of family theology is to emphasize family redemption rather than individual salvation, and eventually to expand the family model to the tribe, people, nation, and world."

THINK TANK 2022 Policy Research Institute Secretary General Cho Hyung-guk gave the first theme presentation of the seminar, "Women's Family Peace, Why is this a Future Value?" introducing the teachings of WFWP and UPF founders Moon Sun-myung and Han Hak-ja, and emphasized, "To establish a heavenly unified Korea and heavenly unified world, we need not only education in values, but must also include the True Family Movement, and Peace UN activities."

Secretary-General Cho continued, "A culture of extreme individualism plagues today's world, issues of aging and low birth rates, the climate crisis, and the appearance of a new cold war in Northeast Asia. The only answer is the restoration of human nature and expansion of a culture of peace offered by the True Family Movement of the Family Federation. Putting into practice the teachings of Dr. Moon Sun-myung and Dr. Han Hak-ja and preparing the path toward a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world will provide a very hopeful way forward."



Sunhak UP Graduate University Professor Kim In-su presented a lecture on "Improving Parent - Child Relationships Seen through Internal and External Four-position Foundations." Professor Kim has organized a plan for improving family relations based on the concept of four-position foundations taught by Dr. Moon and Dr. Han. She explained, "Through an internal four-position foundation anchored in the "shimjeong" or heart of Heavenly Parent, and an external four-position foundation based on the purpose of creation, the relationships between parents and children can be improved."

Going further, she said, "Since the original parent -- child relationship described in Unification Thought resembles the internal and external four-position foundation of Heavenly Parent, it includes an individualism leaning toward egoism, along with a relationship-oriented aspect tending toward altruism so that it can maintain its integrity and balance. When it comes to substantial plans for improving parent-child relationships, I suggest reading the scriptures (True Parents' words) and sharing faith practices within the family to educate about Heavenly Parent's heart and the purpose of creation."

In the following discussion, the four presenters were joined by Moon Byeong-Cheol (THINK TANK 2022 Policy Research Fellow) and Sunhak UP Graduate University Professor Yu Inchang.

The presenters, panel members, and conference participants engaged in a wide-ranging discussion on the mission and role of the Family Federation in establishing a heavenly unified Korea. This was followed by discussion and Q and A exploring how to minimize conflict in the family and build healthy families that can contribute to a healthy society by utilizing family theology, the True Family Movement, and hyojeong culture.