

## First Lecture Hoon Dok Contest for FFWPU Heavenly Korea Pastors

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*Hyojeong Award (2 persons) (Lee Yu-jeong, Youth Minister, Gwangju Church, Greater Gyeongnam district, sub-region 5, Jo Chang-eon, District Leader, Gwangju Church, Greater Gwangju District, sub-region 4)*

The 1st Lecture Hoon Dok Contest for Pastors of Heavenly Korea FFWPU was held on January 3 at the main hall of the HJ Heaven and Earth Training Center with about 700 people attending, including Yoon Young-ho, Director-General, FFWPU International Headquarters, heads of departments from the International Headquarters, leaders and pastors from sub-regions across Korea.

The event was moderated by Lim Jong-hyeok, Director of Ministry at the International Headquarters, and proceeded in the following order: opening declaration, the introduction of judges, lecture Hoon Dok contest (one representative from each region), hyojeong resolution, speeches, award ceremony, and closing ceremony.

The Lecture Hoon Dok Contest was comprised of presentations of public speeches given by True Parents around the world. As this was the first such contest held by FFWPU, intense preliminary advance rounds were conducted in each subregion. In this final round, we heard the presentation of six contestants representing the five subregions and the Cheon Won Special District.

The lectures were presented by:

Song In-young, head of the Department of Church Development Strategy of Cheon Won Special District Church of International Headquarters,

Kim Eun-sun, Youth Minister, Chungju Church, sub-region 3,

Kim Jae-sung, Pastor, Yeoncheon Church, sub-region 2,

Jo Chang-eon, District Leader, Gwangju Church, sub-region 4,

Lee Yu-jeong, Youth Minister, Donchanwon Church, sub-region 5,

Jin In-seong District Leader, Gangnam Church, sub-region 1.



Song In-young, head of the Department of Church Development Strategy of Cheon Won Special District Church, was the first contestant for the day, presented True Father's speech, "God's Will is for All of Humankind to Become One," given by True Father at East Garden on July 20, 1984, before he departed to enter Danbury Prison.

Director Song In-young said, "The more I practiced and prepared for the lecture, the more nervous I became. However, thankfully, when I stopped and prayed, I found myself naturally beginning to meditate. In the midst of that, I was so touched because I felt the current situation was very similar to the time when True Father was unjustly imprisoned in Danbury due to religious oppression instigated by communists in the US. At the moment of the greatest crisis in the history of the providence, True Father entrusted the entire situation to True Mother and rather regarded it as a blessing to be able to take the blow knowing that they can claim it as a blessing, saying, 'This is the path of hope and harmony. Let's become one and move forward.' We have welcomed 2023 with difficulties due to the current suppression of the Family Federation in Japan.

Borrowing True Father's words and reciting them now amidst today's situation, we are reminded that we

must become completely one with True Mother. I prepared this lecture with the mindset that we need to have the same attitude as the members had when Father was imprisoned. What he said then applies to us now just the same. We must prepare carefully, with a firm resolve."



Kim Eun-sun, head of the Youth department of Chungju Church in Chungcheongbuk-do sub-region 3, who gave the second lecture, said that True Mother held the "Global Youth Festival 2014" on September 23, 2014, marking the 55th anniversary of the founding of the Church in Japan. At that time, the slogan, "The Road towards a World of Peace," was announced for the first time.

Youth Ministries Director Kim Eun-sun began, "The title of the Lecture Hoon Dok contest is 'The 6000-year Long Search for Heavenly Parent's Lost Children,' and I felt True Mother's heart when she said 'It was like trying to find a needle in the desert amid a sandstorm, but I had to find it to rescue humankind.' True Mother has told us that it doesn't matter what age we are. Even in our 60s or 70s, we can live like young people if we have a dream in our heart and follow it with passion. As I prepared for this Lecture, Hoon Dok Contest I offered jeongseong as I searched through True Parents' words. I always carried that speech with me in my bag, and I thought about what Mother felt in her heart as she prepared to give this speech. I tried to become one with the speech by reading it over and over and thinking 'What heart does True Mother want to convey to us through this speech?'"



Pastor Kim Jae-sung from subregion 2 presented True Father's speech from the June 7, 1975 rally in Yeoido, "Korea in the World." Pastor Kim said, "The more I prepared for this speech, the more I experienced True Father's greatness in my heart. I chose this speech because it says exactly what I think we need to say now to North Korea. As you listen to the word, I hope it will be a time for you to feel True Parents' heart deeply."



Presentation by District Leader Jo Chang-eon from sub-region 4 was from the testimony given by True Father at the US Senate Hearing on Religious Freedom on June 26, 1984. Father spoke about religious freedom and said, "God bless America."

District Leader Jo continued, "True Father told the committee he had come to rescue America from self-centered individualism, decadent culture and the danger of communism, stating, 'God has sent me to America in the role of a doctor, in the role of a firefighter,' and expressed his love and forgiveness. True Father was convicted of tax evasion and sentenced to serve time in Danbury Prison. Despite that, just one month before he began to serve his sentence, he reached out to the religious world and offered his love, forgiveness, and blessing to America. I thought about how True Father loved his enemies and showed true love, which gives, forgets, and gives again. I hope that the conscience of Japan will be awakened by the religious persecution and oppression currently taking place there. As you listen to me read Father's message, I hope that all of you can feel a heart of hyojeong through the words."



Subregion 5 Youth Minister Lee Yu-Jeong presented True Mother's speech given on November 20, 1991, at the SK Olympic Handball Stadium in Seoul on 'The Road the Women's Federation for World Peace in Asia Must Follow.' Pastor Lee said that she had selected this speech because "If we consider the current situation in Japan, we can see it is the result of evil acts by the Chinese Communist Party and the Japanese Communist Party, it seems like the right time to look back at the role True Parents played in ending the communist empire in the Soviet Union. We should all feel the shimjeong of True Parents as they risked their lives to travel to the heart of the communist world. Also, by studying the guidance, True Mother gave the women leaders about how to construct a world of peace, we can understand what we must do now, as we represent True Mother in passing along guidance to the women leaders today."



Representing subregion 1, District Leader Jin In-Seong presented True Mother's speech on October 30, 2018 at the HJ Heaven and Earth CheonBo Training Center during a special workshop for senior pastors on heavenly unified Korea. District Leader Jin said, "On that day, True Mother clearly stated that it is not possible to unite the people of South and North Korea through ideology and politics alone."

Before we begin to talk about Headwing ideology, it is necessary to understand True Parents. True Parents are the center point for all of humankind. This country must attend True Parents. You must tell people they were sent, raised, and prepared by Heaven. And she told the senior pastors that they must educate the youth, young children, and politicians about this. So, as we listen to this speech today, let's consider the questions, 'Why are True Parents important?' and 'What is Heavenly Parent's Will regarding the heavenly unified Korea? And think about our mission and our responsibility.'



*Hyoseong Award (4 persons) (Kim Eun-sun, Youth Minister, Chungju Church, Greater Chungbuk district, sub-region 3, Jin In-Seong District Leader, Gangnam Church, Greater South Seoul District, sub-region 1, Kim Jae-seong, Pastor, Yeoncheon Church, Greater North Gyeonggi district, sub-region 2, Song In-young, head of the International Headquarters Department of Church Development Strategy of Cheon Won Special District Church of International Headquarters)*



Following a selection of praise songs by the YSP praise team, International Headquarters Director General Yoon Young-ho offered his overall evaluation of the presentations, saying, "I genuinely want to express my appreciation to the six competitors who offered presentations of lecture Hoon Dok today. The purpose of a lecture Hoon Dok contest is not to judge skill or technique but rather whether the speaker draws us to feel the heart that True Parents felt on that day and allows us to resonate with that heart. This means creating a resonance of True Parents' heart, the speaker's heart, and everyone listening. The lecture Hoon Dok contest was quite long, but as we listened we shed tears, and all of our feelings of tiredness vanished. It was truly inspiring for us as we connected to the shimjeong of that day. In the future, we will further develop many practices, including bowing practice, Hoon Dok practice, prayer practice, and others, but the Hoon Dok practice involved in preparing for today, of truly connecting to the heart of Heaven and the shimjeong and Will of True Parents by reading True Parents' works and bringing the speech to life by reading it, that preparation in itself and the act of listening as well are offerings of jeongseong.

Director General Yoon said, "On December 28, 2018, at the 'New Hope for a Heavenly Unified World' Clergy Rally held at the Prudential Center in New Jersey in the eastern United States, which was the inaugural event for the World Clergy Leadership Conference, as True Mother was speaking, she suddenly began to shed tears as she said 'Sun Myung Moon.' But surprisingly, people in the audience resonated so closely with True Mother due to the tremendous jeongseong she had offered that they also began to shed tears at the sound of True Father's name. So if we truly embody the heart of True Mother when embarking on providential work, we truly represent True Mother and can work as representatives and can act on her behalf. In the same way, when we resonate with True Father, we become his representative and can act in his stead. Thus, in evaluating the presentations here today, I think, more than anything else, it is significant if the speaker truly united with the heart of True Parents when they prepared for this speech. Also, the speaker and listeners need to resonate with True parents.

The evaluation for the 1st FFWPU Heavenly Korea Lecture Hoon Dok Contests was conducted by all 700 people who attended using a smartphone app. I would like to thank all of the presenters once again for putting in such effort to prepare for this Lecture Hoon Dok Contest.