Worship should be a comprehensive art form like a musical or festival that all can enjoy

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True Parents have proclaimed the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Holy Wedding of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind. This declaration heralds the advent of a new era and introduces a new vision for the church. It presents the direction the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification should take in this age, and clarifies the role of the church within it.

The essence of the church changes with the course of history. This is because new circumstances in each era call for a new church model. Of course, there are essential aspects that must remain constant regardless of historical changes – the core principles that always uphold the church.

The emergence of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) in 1952 [Current Name: Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU)] was due to Christianity's inability to establish a church model that reflected the changes in history.

Over the past century, the Unification Church has endeavored to be a church that heals the wounds of the era and brings hope to humanity through sacrifice and service. The church has played its part in resolving ideological conflicts, racial tensions, and economic inequality, as well as in the restoration of human dignity.

As indicated by its name, the Unification Church has worked towards global unity, peace, and human reconciliation. The key to the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Era lies in recognizing Heavenly Parents as humanity's True Parents, and in fully disclosing the accomplishments of the Messiah, True Parents. The new church model emerging in response to these demands should be revealed through worship in the era of the Heavenly Parent' Holy Community.

Heavenly Parent' Holy Community worship, as the name suggests, must go beyond obedience and service to Heavenly Parent, and become an act of personally praising Heavenly Parent with spontaneity and joy.

In this context, Yoon Young-ho, Director-General, FFWPU International Headquarters, identified worship innovation as one of the first core projects to put into practice the providential foundation for the victory of Vision 2027.



Dr. Yoon said, "In accordance with True Parents' teachings, as we enter the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Era and a new age, the content and form of worship, the two pillars that support worship, must change in order to establish the worship culture of Cheon II Guk." He added, "Worship should become a comprehensive art form like a musical, a festival-style event that everyone can enjoy," saying: that it is "not a mere ritual or ceremony, but an act of giving joy back to Heavenly Parent, it should be a place anyone from anywhere can visit anytime, and a symbol of a communal heartistic culture with festive characteristics that everyone can enjoy."

To achieve this, Dr. Yoon has established a worship consulting committee, a worship academy, and worship support coordinator through the International Headquarters. They are working to realize church growth through a new worship culture in the era of the Heavenly Parent' Holy Community by monitoring the first 10 churches and the second 20 churches among the 250 churches of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community in Korea, diagnosing the current system, analyzing issues, and providing support for improvement. In the future, the worship culture of Heavenly Korea will spread to churches worldwide.