

Second-Generation leaders of the Providence

Kyeong Seuk Lu
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True Mother speaking to members of the Cranes Club

KOREA

Kyeong Seuk Lu



Kyeong Seuk Lu was blessed to Hye Ran Ohm among the second- generation 36-couple group in 1986. They have two boys and two girls. He was a pastor at the church in Yeosu in 1991 until he was sent overseas to work as a missionary for two years beginning in 1994.

He invested his heart in the mission fields of Russia, Ukraine and Georgia.

He was variously the director of the Second Generation Department, Cultural Department and Planning Department of FFWPU Korea between 1996 and 2008. He was director of the Headquarters to Support Providential Organizations within the Tongil Group from 2008 to 2012. The following year he became the secretary general of UPF-Korea in the Strong Korea Headquarters. From March 2013 until October, he was vice-president of FFWPU Korea.

Since that March, he has been chairman of the Multi-cultural Peace Education Center. In October 2013, during Korea's Top Gun Workshop, True Mother appointed Rev. Lu president of FFWPU Korea. Beginning that October, he became a board member of the Tongil Group Foundation. In December, he became a board member of the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation. In January 2014, he became president of the Korea Religions Association and president of the Ecumenical Christian Association. In April of that year, he joined the board of the Segye Times. He is the first second generation member from Korea to be appointed as the president of FFWPU Korea.

Gyeong Duk Yoo



Rev. Gyeong Duk Yoo was blessed to Mi Ju Kim in January 1989 among the second generation 72-couple group. They have three children. He earned a law degree at Aju University and a degree in Theology at Sun Moon University.

He completed the master and doctoral courses at Sun Moon University Graduate School. He began his church mission work as a missionary in the church in Chungbuk in 1991. He was pastor of the church in Ilshin for a time the following year. While at Aju University, he was CARP leader from 1992 to 1994. He worked as a teacher in Suwon Hyangto School in 1993.

From 1994 to 1996, he was the church leader of the CARP center at Sun Moon University. He was the regional pastor of the area that covers the Gangnam and Gwanak area of Seoul from 1996 to 2000. From 1997 to 2000, he was dean of the Adult Education Program at Gwanak University.

From 1998 to 2000, he was the managing director of the Association for Cultural Exchange between Korea and Japan. From 2000 to 2005, he was the chief vice-chairman for CARP Korea and the Sun Moon bloc leader. He was a guest professor at Sun Moon University from 2002 to 2003. From 2003 to 2004, he was vice-president of Service for Peace.

From 2006 to 2008, he was the president of the Collegiate Ambassadors for Peace (CAP). He was vice-chairman of the Family Party for Peace and Unification in 2008, and has served as president of CARP Korea and director of the FFWPU Youth Department from 2006. In June the same year he took office as the president of YFWP Korea. Recently, in October 2014, he was appointed by True Mother as the vice-president of FFWPU Korea.

Sang Pil Moon



Rev. Moon is the fourth child of one of the 430-couples, Pyeong Rae Moon and Gye Ja Oh. Sang Pil Moon was blessed in 1995 among the 300-couple second-generation group to Ms. Shin Young Lee. They have two sons and three daughters. Rev. Moon graduated from Sun Moon University Theology School in 2001. He attended the Unification Theological Seminary in the US, graduating in 2005.

Rev. Moon was a counselor to FFWPU members in Paraguay, where his parents are national messiahs, for a year beginning in 1999.

He worked as a missionary in Kona, Hawaii from 2000 to 2001. He was the pastor of the church in Reno, Nevada in the US from 2005 to 2007. He then spent a year as pastor of the church in Munjung followed by a year as deputy pastor of the church in Dobong, both in Seoul. When he was at the church in Dobong, he told Today's World readers, "We need to understand that miracles and great results can come from small practices.

We need to be concerned about how we talk to and greet others, how we decorate our restroom, our living room... Out of faith, we have focused more on the vertical relationship than on the horizontal. Though it is important to think of purely providential concepts, it's equally important to think of small practices."

Following his time at Dobong church, Rev. Moon spent three years as pastor of the church in Gwangju, Korea. He was brought in to join the ministry team at Seoul's Cheon Bok Gung headquarters church in 2013. In 2014 True Mother appointed him head of our West Yeosu Church District, and recently he was appointed President of CARP Korea and YFWP Korea.

JAPAN

Masaichi Hori



I am the first son of Nobuyuki Hori and Kikue Hori, who were blessed in the 43-couple blessing group. Moriko Oyamada and I were blessed among the 200-couple second-generation blessing group. We have a son and a daughter.

In accordance with True Parents' instructions, I studied in Korea from middle school to university. I graduated Sun Moon University Theology Department and completed a master's course in theology at the Unification Theological Seminary in America.

I have been serving in the public mission, dealing with the education of second-generation members since 1994. In 2001, I became the CARP leader in charge of the Tokyo University CARP Center. In 2005, I became director of the Second Generation Department at the HSA-UWC-Japan Headquarters and went on to serve as the director of the Seiwa Department, and director of the Family and Education Department.

In 2013, I became pastor of the church in Marukame and later the district leader of our South Tokyo district, where I am currently serving.

My beliefs as a person in the public mission: True Parents once said, "Shouldering God's will is being part of the mainstream." This had been guiding me for a long time and is the reason I resolved to go to theological school and to a public mission.

After True Father's Seonghwa, I remember True Mother asking us in tears to put our hearts together once again in moving forward. What she said gave me the strength to reaffirm my determination and reconfirm the weight that is on the shoulders of those second-generation members that are taking responsibility in

the era of Cheon Il Guk.

Sometime after this, I was given a new responsibility in the public mission. One thing I felt and saw after coming to the field was the number of temptations and confusion surrounding our members that lead people astray and away from worship.

Following the path of God's will is not easy, but that does not mean we can simply give up on the way. A person that goes from one place to another judging and criticizing the church does not resolve anything. I believe that a path toward completing our mission as heavenly tribal messiahs will open when we overcome all these circumstances while upholding the tradition centered on True Parents.

With the members and with assistance from the spiritual world, we are working together in changing the atmosphere of our church. Although we have few results, we are certainly opening up the way for drawing people into our movement and the blessing.

The churches in our district are now coalescing and moving toward victory as heavenly tribal messiahs, fulfilling True Father's last words. Japan has the mission of the mother nation. Many members felt that second-generation members should be taking up roles pastors within the church. I, too, have felt the same.

In the beginning, however, I did not know anything and could not see the end of the road. Thanks to Heaven's guidance and support from our members, I was able to triumph over this course.

That I could not attain this victory on my own is true. I believe that one cannot fulfill God's will without Heaven's guidance. I learned that when I was in despair, if I sought God in prayer, True Parents would show me the way and tell me what to say. That is why I continue to walk each day in prayer and devotion with True Parents as my absolute center.

My fellow second-generation members who are of age! If you ever find yourselves in despair on your path of faith, I strongly encourage you to visit the church, let go of your frivolous desires, and simply focus on serving others and engaging in prayer.

If you can discover True Parents, you will find that there is truly hope on this path. Please join me in creating a community, a church, which God truly wants to create. I am certain that Cheon Il Guk will emerge from that community. I pray that 2015 can be a year in which Heaven can fondly remember your devotion, and that you are blessed with the fruit of God's grace.

Katsumichi Motoyama



Glory be to Heaven. My name is Katsumichi Motoyama; I am president of World CARP-Japan.

I am a blessed second-generation member; my parents are in the 777-couple blessing group. Both my parents joined through the Kyushu University CARP center; both have spent their entire lives in the public mission. My mother passed away into the spirit world twenty-one years ago. She was a deep-hearted person, while my father is a passionate person who is single-minded about God's will. I am grateful to have learned True Parents' passion and love through my parents. I also have deep respect for my four younger siblings, who have been a great source of inspiration in many ways. Lest they leave me behind, even today, I am working hard to become a loving husband to my wife and good father to my three children, of whom I am proud.

Sometime in high school, I first became determined to serve in the public mission. I went on to study at the Sun Moon University Graduate School of Theology in Korea. Returning to Japan, I worked in the Second Generation Department and CARP.

After Foundation Day, I had the opportunity to serve in the field as a church pastor. I spent about a year and a half in ministry. I had the chance to get to know many members who shoulder and support the Mother Nation's mission. Seeing the pureness of their hearts toward God's will and their love for True Parents deeply moved me. I was keenly aware that it was because of such pure love that we have been able to see advancements in the providence to this day. However, I also saw that many members in the field have internal struggles and pain. The fundamental cause of this was the conflict they harbored from a sense of resignation and despair in response to the reality that we have yet to fulfill our dream of creating ideal families that we can expand to our clan, leading ultimately to God's liberation. At the same time, I saw them spontaneously filled with God's heart and True Parents' passionate desire to make their children happy and to bring victory.

Last year, when I began my mission as CARP president, I took part in the first Top Gun workshop in Japan. By the end, we were able to connect to the word, substance and heart of our True Parents, who are

our root. At the Global Worship Service, I witnessed True Mother's tears, which reflected her fervent desire for her children's victory. Now I have been entrusted with the responsibility over young people that will take on the future and in whom True Mother is now investing. True Parents and our elder members, who have been walking within the love of our Heavenly Parent, built a good tradition. I have come to feel that the key to building Cheon Il Guk lies in testifying to that tradition and in helping second-generation youths inherit the word, substance, and heart manifested by our True Parents, who are our starting point.

In 2015, I would like to take pride in this heavenly tradition and move forward with the great mandate of bringing salvation to the nation and world.

Masayoshi Kajikuri



I am currently serving as the vice-director of the HSA-UWC-Japan Planning Office, as the secretary-general of the True Family Movement, as vice secretary-general of UPF Japan and as chairman of the board of the International Federation for Victory Over Communism Headquarters. In the past, I served as Head of Education in the Second Generation Department. I was the first pastor of the Kienkai Church, which the Japanese movement built exclusively for second-generation members. I have been the president of World CARP-Japan, the president of the Youth Federation for World Peace-Japan, vice-president of the Ambassadors for Peace Association in Japan, executive committee chairman of the Committee to Deal with Abduction and Forced Confinement of Japanese

Unificationists, and pastor of the Aso Church.

Born in 1970 in Tokyo Japan, I am the oldest son of Gentaro Kajikuri and Eriko, of the forty-three-couple blessing group in Japan. My wife Yokoi Motoko and I are in the 1992 200-couple second-generation blessing group. We have two sons (ages: twenty-one and nineteen) and a daughter (age: seventeen).

My father, who was the twelfth president of HSA-UWC-Japan, passed away in December 2012 while serving his mission. He, Gentaro Kajikuri, was chairman of the Federation to Save Nations, chairman of the International Federation for Victory Over Communism, president of Sekai Nippo, chairman of the International Highway Foundation and co-chairman of UPF Japan. Additionally, he was in charge of planning and constructions for the Jardim Project. Rev. Gentaro Kajikuri was co-chairman of the executive committee of the organizing committee for True Father's Seonghwa ceremony.

My 2015 aspirations

2015 marks the third anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa. After True Father's passing, True Mother has consistently offered devotion in properly testifying about True Father to all of humankind, while guiding all of us during this time. First, she has exerted herself entirely in establishing the traditions of Cheon Il Guk by proclaiming Foundation Day, compiling the *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, and promulgating the Cheon Il Guk Constitution. Second, she established the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation and Universal Peace Academy for the purpose of raising the next generation of leaders. She paved the way for nurturing future leaders by organizing the Top Gun workshops, Cranes Club and other initiatives. Through these endeavors, she has opened up a way for the realm of the second-generation to play a greater role in the providence.

Third, she has guided and encouraged all blessed members to complete our mission as heavenly tribal messiahs, which were True Father's last words. True Mother has often reminded us that blessed members have the responsibility, in the position of Abel, to guide the nation, which is in the position of Cain. Currently, the Abe administration in Japan is making effort to end deflation through "Abenomics." However, Japan is faced with a serious case of depopulation with its low birth rate caused by late marriages or young people avoiding marriage altogether. Due to the prevalence of ideologies instigating family breakdown, laws are being enacted that belittle the value of the family. Japan is on the verge of a serious national crisis we cannot overcome through economic policies alone. The only way to overcome this national crisis is in connecting to heavenly fortune through True Parents. Therefore, I would like to focus my efforts in contributing to the creation of an environment in which we can carry out a True Family movement on a national scale that can present the proper model for the nation and its people and through which all blessed members can victoriously fulfill their mission as heavenly tribal messiahs.

AMERICA

Naokimi Ushiroda



True Parents blessed Naokimi Ushiroda in 2000 to Shukuko Yono. He graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in May 2004 with a degree in Economics concentrating in real estate and entrepreneurship.

He then joined WCARP USA as a full-time worker for two and a half years until February 2007, when he became the director of the Second Generation Department.

He became the president of CARP in July 2013. He has clarified CARP's identity, vision and mission, set goals in alignment with Vision 2020 and presented CARP's new vision to more than eight hundred people in twenty-four communities in North America, which included a new pilot CARP campus model at Barrytown College. CARP held its first National Officers Training at the University of Bridgeport in January 2014.



Naokimi Ushiroda, greeting the Cranes Club

During his second year as the president of CARP, Mr. Ushiroda added two staff members and with three summer interns hosted CARP Convention: Momentum 2014 at the University of Maryland, where over a hundred students and young professionals met, including twenty-one participants from other nations.

Within the year, the number of active chapters meeting regularly went from three to fourteen. CARP America is excited about continuing to build toward forty active chapters by the end of this year.

Crescentia DeGoede



True Mother asked Crescentia DeGoede in August 2013 to serve as director of the National Blessing and Family Ministry, which provides education and support for individuals and couples preparing for marriage, as well as marriage and family support and enrichment programs and services. She is currently serving in this role. Crescentia participated in Special Task Force (STF) from 2005 to 2007. She graduated from Arcadia University with a bachelor's degree in Sociology in 2011. She is twenty-eight years old.

Crescentia was blessed to Leighton DeGoede, also twenty-eight, in 2010. They feel truly blessed in their marriage and continually seek to share with others the love and joy they experience. They are thoroughly enjoying their new role as parents since Crescentia gave birth to a baby daughter in November.

Leighton and Crescentia served as youth pastors and served as co-pastors of the Family Church of Philadelphia from 2010 to 2013.

Crescentia DeGoede, personal statement

Serving as the director of the National Blessing and Family Ministry (BFM) over the last year and a half has truly been an honor and a pleasure. I am grateful to True Mother for giving me this opportunity. Directly supporting the fulfillment of our Heavenly Parent's will and True Parents' mission in my daily work is a blessing.

Leighton and I feel deeply grateful for the many blessings we have received throughout our lives, and we feel called to share our blessings with others and improve the quality of life for as many individuals, couples and families as possible. Through the BFM, I get the opportunity to do this every day.

True Parents have repeatedly emphasized the importance of marriages and families in building God's ideal and in creating a world of true and lasting love and happiness. For Leighton and I, investing in strengthening marriages and families is the most important work we could be doing. Our blessed families are precious and need to be nourished.

We will continue supporting our blessed couples and families in becoming stronger, healthier and happier, as well as helping more people throughout the world to receive the blessing and create truly loving relationships with their spouses and children.

Miilhan Stephens



Rev. Stephens is twenty-seven years old. He graduated cum laude from the University of Maryland in College Park with a bachelor's degree in Food Science. He was blessed to Sayaka Inokuchi from Osaka, Japan, in January 2009. They recently welcomed a baby daughter, Ayumi, to the family.

Rev. Stephens is a bright, spirited visionary who discovered the heart of God at an early age. He is an idealist but always looks at what needs to be done from a practical perspective.

Having cheerfully shared his faith and willingly listened to others throughout his life, he decided to step up his service to God by pastoring the community he so loves, thus he has led the New Hope Family Church for the past two years, after having taught Sunday school to middle-school-aged kids for many years. He remains committed to serving God and True Parents.

Miilhan Stephens, personal statement

It is an honor and absolute joy for me to serve God and True Parents in this role. If it were not for the trust and support from blessed family members, I would not have found my deep inner calling to be a pastor and to go all out for God. I also want to thank Jesus, whom I feel has always been with me throughout my life, guiding me and training me to reach my dreams.

Jump-starting the year with our True Mother was exciting. I am reminded how blessed we are to have her leadership at this pinnacle time. I am learning that she not only has vision but is sharp and does not hesitate to challenge us to carry out our responsibilities. As we know, America has been rapidly declining, and I believe our recovery and success starts with love and guidance from God and True Parents. Let us resolve to remain tuned into True Mother's heart this year as we pray and carry out our individual callings.

Mari Curry



Mari Curry is twenty-eight years old. She graduated from Willamette University with a bachelor's degree in psychology and then earned a Master of Theology from Cheongshim Theological Seminary in Korea. Mari is currently pursuing her Doctorate of Ministry from the Unification Theological Seminary.

After a two-year engagement, Mari was blessed to Richard Curry in December 2005. Ten years and two children later (a boy and a girl) they are devoted teammates and partners in life, love, mission and work.

From a young age, Mari was highly involved in local church activities in Miami, Florida. Since her blessing, she and Richard have found a love for serving the church as a couple. In the past, they were camp counselors, youth pastors and General Orientation Program (GOP) staff leaders in Korea. Today, continue pursuing God's calling in tandem -- as matching advisers, as members of the Energize Couples marriage retreat development team and as co-pastors. Mari and Richard have been serving the Family Church of South Florida, in Miami, since 2012. The mission that True Mother has given to our second generation truly inspires them, and they seek to fulfill it as best they can.

Mari Curry, personal statement

My whole life's focus has been to answer God's call, so I am grateful and excited for this opportunity to serve our American community and to be a part of the growth of True Parent's legacy. Although I have much to learn, please know that I will do my best to serve and love God and let God work.

My heart is overflowing with hope, joy, inspiration and love. I am so inspired to fulfill my new responsibility well. Part of that is because of the remarkable growth I have seen in our communities both locally and nationally, and through initiatives like Divine Principle Life, the God's Hope for America

Holy Ground Pilgrimage, True Father's Seonghwa anniversary commemoration, and the recent founding of the Cranes Club that brought together young Unificationist professionals from all over the world.

I am driven and committed to doing more and to being more, not to be stagnant water but to be life-giving water, as True Mother has called us to be. During the Cranes Club and Christmas with True Parents, Mother's heart and love for us humbled me. Being at the conference, I could see first-hand the amount of love and effort True Mother put into each of her speeches and meetings. Our True Mother's heart is beautiful and encompassing.

Her leadership is forgiving, strong and yet empowering. True Mother's hope for us, her encouragement of us, her desire for us to go beyond being comfortable in serving others is an inspiration for us all to work together and become life-giving water as we build God's kingdom. To love and to bring back all of God's children is our responsibility.

Together I know we can make this happen. I look forward to what this year will bring and what we will accomplish together as one family under God.

Katarina Connery



Katarina Connery is twenty-nine years old. She holds a bachelor's degree in International Political Economy and Diplomacy from the University of Bridgeport and a master's degree in International Relations from the University of Pittsburgh. She is blessed to Michael Connery, a medical student with a PhD in physiology, who will soon start his hospital residency.

Katarina is a committed Unificationist and is committed to supporting True Mother's vision and leadership. She has been a Sunday school teacher in her community church in Bridgeport. She joined Special Task Force (STF) and served as a field educator. Katarina also attended Sun Moon University for a year, and Kyunggi University for a semester on a US State Department Critical Language Scholarship.

She has been working for the World Affairs Council in Richmond, Virginia, in the area of membership and program development. This organization is part of a network of eighty-five councils in the US that focus on international affairs, as well as provide educational resources to teachers and students.

Katarina Connery, personal statement

I feel gratitude to True Parents and our Heavenly Parent for entrusting me with this tremendous responsibility.

While attending the Cranes Club Conference in Las Vegas with my husband, we had the opportunity to meet personally with True Mother. Standing in front of her, I felt unworthy and wondered what I could offer; simultaneously (remembering the tears she shed during her Christmas address) I wanted to offer everything and I felt determined to use my skills, in whatever capacity, for the sake of God and the world. A line in one of our holy songs reads, "The Lord has called and I will go." I feel that with this appointment, God has called me and I will strive, to the best of my abilities, to go.

I believe my life experiences and education have all been for the sake of a higher purpose and I am grateful to be inheriting a wonderful foundation laid by WFWP's leaders and members. I hope I can give my 100 percent investment to this wonderful organization, to which our Heavenly Parent, True Parents and so many brothers and sisters have been devoting themselves for many years.

EUROPE

Youngil Loew



Youngil Loew, the oldest son of four children, is thirty-one years old. He was born in the United States. He spent most of his childhood in Virginia, near Washington, DC. He went to the GOP program in Korea when he was twelve years old and lived there for six years, eventually graduating from the high school associated with Konkuk University in Seoul. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Bridgeport in 2008, with a double major in International Political Economy and World Religions.

He shares the national leader responsibilities with his wife, Viktoria (Iversen) Loew. Viktoria Loew is twenty-nine years old and is the oldest daughter of four children. She was born in Iceland to missionary parents. She has lived in Latvia and the United Kingdom, until her family settled in Ireland as national messiahs in 1996. She graduated from a Catholic seminary,

Milltown Institute, in Ireland, with a degree in Theology. She is also a certified massage therapist.

Youngil and Viktoria Loew became the national leaders of Ireland in July 2014. They were blessed in 2003. They are expecting their first child this spring. They have been serving the local Irish church over the past five years as youth leaders, organizing Sunday school classes, youth events and workshops for second-generation members throughout the year. They are dedicated to serving the blessed families of Ireland with all their hearts, sincerity and dedication, to the best of their ability.