

Commemorative Week of the Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial of True Father

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Theme: Let us Connect the World to Peace – Shedding Light on True Parents' Peace Ideology and Life Achievement

The commemorative week of the Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind has begun. On 7.17 in 2012 by the heavenly calendar (Sept 3) at 1.54 a.m., True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind Sun Myung Moon, the Savior of Humanity, the Returning Lord, the True Parent, and the King of Kings ascended to Heaven after perfecting, concluding and completing his mission on earth.

True Father's Victorious Life and Universal Seonghwa, the Beginning of a New History

After True Father announced the heavenly calendar in 2010, he overstrained his sacred body to such intensity as though in preparation for his ascension. He went on worldwide speaking tours for about ten times and taught members about the urgently moving providence through daily Hoon Dok Hae.

In True Father's last prayer before his ascension, he proclaimed that he completely finished his mission for the providence of restoration, revealing that he had successfully perfected, concluded and completed Heaven's great work. After his passing, memorial altars were set up in Korea and in nations across the world, and for thirteen days, numerous visitors came to pay their respects; heads of state from different nations sent condolence flowers to True Father.

The Universal Seonghwa Ceremony of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind was held in Cheongshim Peace World Center and the entire Chung Pyung Holy Ground area on 7.29 2012 by the heavenly calendar (Sept 15) at 10 a.m. Around 35,000 members and 300 current and former heads of state, prominent guests from home and abroad, and Unification Church officials participated in the ceremony.

Prominent guests from home and abroad expressed their respect and gratitude to True Father saying, "Rev. Moon left a legacy on earth that humanity must uphold and develop. Rev. Moon is a winner of the

inter-religious movement and taught us to live in accordance to God's Will. His noble achievements will be remembered for eternity.”



The universal Seonghwa ceremony was time for a new beginning in which participants looked back on True Father's teachings, love and work, and made the resolution to establish Cheon Il Guk in accordance to his life and teachings. Members across the world made tearful resolutions—“We love you. We will attend you for eternity, ” “Father! We will realize God's Will at all cost.”

On 8.2 by the heavenly calendar (Sep 17), the third-day memorial service was held through the event: the Unification Church World Leaders Special Assembly for the Victory of Foundation Day. True Mother called all members to advance without stop and proposed future directions the Unification Church is to take: the passing down of True Parents' tradition, the realization of the ideal of a blessed family, the completion of our mission and responsibility as tribal messiahs, the establishment of a community based on the culture of heart, and others.

Meanwhile, through the proclamation of Foundation Day, the beginning of a new era and history, True Mother set off on the great path toward the completion of the substantial Cheon Il Guk, enacted and promulgated the Cheon Il Guk Constitution, and compiled the three great scripture volumes – Cheon Seong Gyeong, Pyeong Hwa Gyeong and Cham Pumo Gyeong.

In order for True Mother to conduct the global providence, she structured the external organization of Cheon Il Guk. Centered on the Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council, she opened five organs – the Cheon Il Guk Government, the Cheon Il Guk National Assembly, the Cheon Il Guk Court, the Cheon Il Guk Foundation and the Cheon Il Guk Media Committee. She then moved the FFWPU International Headquarters to Cheon Jeong Gung, subdivided existing regions based on language and cultural spheres and dispatched special emissaries to each region. In addition, she focused the capacity of the Unification Church for the substantiation of Cheon Il Guk by designating providential and strategic nations.

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The Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and founder of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) held at Cheonshim Peace World Center in Gapyeong-gun, Gyeonggi Province on 7.17 by the heavenly calendar (Aug 30) at 9 a.m. Around 30,000 people including overseas current and former heads of state and prominent figures from Korea and abroad participated in the ceremony.

With FFWPU in the lead, around 20 or so organizations and groups including the Universal Peace Federation, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of Korea, Collegiate Association for the Research of the Principle, the Youth Federation for World Peace, the Korea Religions Association, Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation, the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee, the Federation of Multicultural Families for Peace – Korea, Segye Times and Sun Moon University, are carrying out diverse commemorative projects in memory of the True Parent of Heaven, Earth and

Humankind Sun Myung Moon.



The diverse events include the First Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony and Special Lecture by the Winners, World Summit 2015, Peace Road 2015, Global Assembly of Youths and Students, Exhibition on the Life Achievements of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, Publication Ceremony of Cham Pumo Gyeong, International Symposium and other events, and are held under the theme, “Let us Connect the World to Peace,” transcending existing barriers between nations, race, culture, religion and ideology, in an effort to realize world peace.

FFWPU-Korea will be carrying out the Love and Sharing Festival in Commemoration of the Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial in 231 locations and will particularly hold Revivals of the Soul in four main districts under the theme –A Giant that Embraced Peace, the Life of Rev. Sun Myung Moon was Love – from September to October. The Love and Sharing Festival will become a nationwide festival commemorating True Father’s Seonghwa and an occasion to share with our neighbors the life of love and peace that True Parents led. Other than this, varied commemorative events such as the Welcoming Festival for New Members, pilgrimage of holy grounds and others, will also be carried out.

Meanwhile, the 2015 National Seonghwa Camp was held under the theme “Seonghwa! Become the Lights of Peace and Unification” amidst True Parents’ special interest and love from 6.23 to 6.25 by the heavenly calendar (Aug 7-9) at the World Jamboree Training Center in Gangwon Province. Around 5,000 young people from Korea, Japan and around the world gathered for the occasion. Through the camp, True Parents’ peace ideology and vision could be planted within the hearts of participating seonghwa students, a culture of heart could be shared and participants could pray for the unification of the Korean Peninsula and the realization of world peace, in commemoration of the Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial.

The highlight of this Third Universal Seonghwa Memorial is the First Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony. The Sunhak Peace Prize was enacted to remember the life achievements of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who dedicated his entire life in carrying out a worldwide peace movement centered on true love as his cherished life mission and to uphold and develop his spirit.

Pointing out to the disasters happening in different corners of the world due to climate change and food crisis in the 21st century and that this problem may grow into a global crisis with elements that can threaten the survival of humanity, the Sunhak Peace Prize Committee focused on finding candidates who invested efforts toward resolving climate change and food crisis to bring about sustainable peace for the future of humanity for its first prize. It is based on this criterion that President Anote Tong of Kiribati (63 years old) and Dr. M. Vijay Gupta were chosen as the winners of the First Sunhak Peace Prize.