

YSP's Basic Vision: There Are Four Loves Learned In the Family

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Anyeonghaseyo Namaste! I just finished a national tour of Nepal, which is why I said "Namaste." We went to all seven provinces and taught as many as 2,105 elected officials the importance of the family as our True Parents have taught us. In attendance were chief ministers (governors), Speakers of Parliament, mayors and deputy mayors (and their spouses) from village, municipal and provincial governments. In essence, we covered the entire nation sharing True Parents' hearts and thoughts about the importance of marriage and family.

I'm so grateful to our True Mother. She is leading this global providence. We are here at the second YSP World Assembly. This is a special meeting.

Today I have two tasks: 1) to share the basic vision of YSP, and 2) to introduce the two newly appointed YSP international vice-presidents.

First, YSP's basic vision: There are four loves learned in the family. We know them -- children's love, sibling love, conjugal love and parental love. We need to nurture and mature each of these loves here on earth. This is the purpose of our physical life; it is also the center of our responsibility.

Building good character and healthy human relationships based on these four loves is essential for a prosperous and happy life, not only on earth; these are equally important in the spiritual world, which is where we live forever after we pass away. The mission of Youth and Students for Peace, as I see it, is to focus primarily on the first two loves, children's love and the love of brothers and sisters.

A recent realization

Actually, I have a confession to make: For years, more like decades, I have been teaching about the importance of pure love focusing on sexual purity. My thinking was that since the Fall was caused by the misuse of love, I needed to maintain my sexual purity, teach sexual purity and emphasize sexual purity when raising my children. True Mother showed me I was wrong, and I am so grateful. Buddha taught that we need to be grateful for someone who points out our mistakes. He said, "Look upon the person who tells you your faults as if he told you of a hidden treasure.... Follow that person.... Let him admonish and let him instruct and let him restrain what is wrong." *Dhammapada* 6:76-77

What was my mistake? I did not understand the importance of filial love. Nor did I appreciate its role in maintaining purity. True Mother is emphasizing the importance of children's love over and over again. In fact, she coined a new term to describe it. As you know, it is "hyo jeong." Translated, it is "the heart of filial piety," the heart of a child who loves his or her parents unconditionally. It seems as if True Mother is putting the initials HJ on everything. It is even in the YSP logo.

The central type of love

A filial child thinks, My parents' happiness is more important than my own happiness. My life exists for the sake of my parents. I will live and die for the sake of my parents. I will marry for the sake of my parents.

That is the heart of a filial child. A filial child does not think, My parents have to be perfect in order for me to follow them. Instead he or she thinks, If my parents make a mistake, I will take responsibility for it. A child of true filial piety will never separate from, accuse or blame his or her parents.

If the children's love is strong and clear, the other three loves -- sibling love, conjugal love and parental love -- will follow naturally. Please allow me to explain. Related to sibling love, a filial child thinks, I will love my brothers and sisters, not as I want to, but in order to make my parents happy.

True Father said the loyal subject is not the one who loves the king the most, but the one who loves the people as the king would. Therefore, filial love is at the core of sibling love. A filial son or daughter

thinks, I will treat my siblings like my parents would. I will care for my siblings in ways that make my parents happy. I will learn from my elders how to help raise younger family members.

Obviously, having sex before marriage would not make anyone's parents happy. This is where I learned the role of filial piety in sexual purity. Filial love also connects to conjugal love. When a filial child gets married, he or she will think, I will love my spouse, not as I want to, but in order to make my parents happy.

This would include no violence or infidelity. Surely, it is one of the greatest joys of parents to see their child married and happily in love with his or her spouse. When couples who have practiced filial piety become parents and then have their own children, they would think, I will love my own children, not as I want to, but in order to make my parents (the child's grandparents) happy.

In this way, the family where three generations are living together substantially strengthens the culture and tradition of filial piety because everyone seeks the happiness and well-being of the grandparents. Now to the second part of my address: I am so grateful to True Mother for appointing two wonderful brothers as vice presidents of Youth and Students for Peace.



Senior YSP international vice president Koji Matsuda

Mr. Koji Matsuda is the new senior international vice president. He was born in Hiroshima, Japan, in 1965. He joined the unification movement when he was eighteen years old. He dedicated himself in CARP activities. He graduated from the Department of Education, Faculty of Psychology, of Hiroshima University in 1988. He completed a master's degree in Religious Education at the Unification Theological Seminary, in New York State, in 1996. He engaged in service and educational programs as a missionary in Jardim and the Pantanal in Brazil from 1996 to 2001. He served as vice president of World CARP-Japan in 2001 and as president of the Youth Federation for World Peace-Japan in 2013. He was

president of Youth and Students for Peace-Japan in 2017. He has launched and managed service projects and learning programs in eleven countries. He speaks four languages and is the father of four children.



YSP international vice president Jaehyun Kim

Mr. Jaehyun Kim is an international vice president. He joined our church when he was in middle school. He attended Sun Moon University (2000– 2004) and graduated with BA in North Korean Studies. In 2016, Mr. Kim studied Non-Government Organizations at Kyung Hee Graduate School. He was president of the Korean CARP Student Council and director of the Unification Department of the Sun Moon University Student Council and director of the Na Noom volunteer group. Within the Sun Moon University Alumni Association, he is the team leader for general affairs and planning. He was a director of the Cheonan volunteer-run Café Marie.

He has been a pastor for young adults, university students and Seonghwa students at Cheon Bok Gung, the main church in Korea. He was the director of the Universal Peace Academy and of the FFWPU International Headquarters' Youth and Student Department. His wife is Japanese; they have two children.

Both these men are talented and experienced. They worked together to organize this second YSP Assembly. Please let us give them our full support and cooperation. God bless you and thank you very much.