

## True Parents in Alaska History Project: Open Letter Regarding Alaska Providence

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If you have any stories about your experiences doing Providential work in Alaska, or any stories of your experiences with True Parents in Alaska, we want to help you record them and to share them. Please contact us.

Brothers and sisters are stepping up to formalize and to implement a process that we hope will produce some finished products to embody the legacy of God's Providence working through our precious True Parents' work in Alaska during their lifetime. This is a labor of love with so much heart. Would you want to help?

Each person who has contributed is jumping in with their years of experiences and through their talents and skills as volunteers to challenge a great-unknown, that is, 'Where are the stories, photos and documents that go with a timeline that we know for True Parents' when they traveled to Alaska?' We acknowledge our Sub-Region 5 Leader, Rev. Kevin Thompson for asking Rev. Larry Krishnek, myself (Donna Avey), Jenny Leguineche, and others who have come along: Ken and Masako Whitmore, Michael Downey, Captain Minoru Kageyama, Nelson Mira and David Roberts.

We are grateful for all our supporters who have given time and talent as well as spent time sharing their stories for our first interviews. We also appreciate the timeline contributions of Dr. Michael Mickler's team as well as UTS students, such as Tasnah Moyer Bercy, and the Headquarters IT Team members, including Tom Tanemori.

Many people have contributed to the legacy of the Providential heart, prayers and blood-sweat-and-tears offered to God for the sake of humanity and the Ocean and environment through our True Parents during their days in Alaska. Hopefully, we can catch their documents and stories that create a dynamic record of the living history and contribute to the words and records that we have from these years of the True Parents' Ministry.

Our True Parents in Alaska (TPAK) History Project team wants to inspire and to motivate your contributions. If you or someone you know has previous journal entries, can verbally recount memorable tales or have photos and/or videos to copy and to be shared, we need them.

For your consideration we also need help to create a platform and the process to capture the new stories that are emerging now. These new chapters are actively being made through the lives of Kodiak and Alaska members working with Ocean Providence and Ocean Challenge participants as well as the efforts to forge the Peace Road and the Bering Strait Tunnel. As you can imagine, this process needs creative talent and expertise in new, and sometimes old, technologies. After all, what is VHS?

Alaskans are grateful for the people of the land of the Kodiak Island Native Association and the other Native tribes and clans who have cared for all these Alaskan lands since ancient times. These same people have watched over the oceans and seas that merge and flow through the Pacific-Rim area around the Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean, as well as Cook Inlet, Resurrection Bay, and other areas of the Pacific Ocean and the watersheds that feed these bodies of water. We hope to find and to merge their stories with our True Parents into these documents and publications, if we can. If you are aware of any of these Alaskans, also, please let us know.

Therefore, please contact us. Work with us as soon as possible. Help us to record your part of the story of True Parents in Alaska.

Sincerely,

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