A historic and moving World Level Seonghwa Ceremony was held on Sunday, October 2 for Wesley Samuel, who passed away on September 23, at the Unification Sanctuary in Newfoundland, PA.

Several family members and Unificationists shared about their experiences with Wesley. His eldest daughter, Junie, explained that the entire family was absolutely united in honoring her father’s unwavering love for True Father, and also that “his heart was here (in Newfoundland)” with True Father’s heir and successor, Hyung Jin Nim.

Davetta Morgan explained that Wesley was her spiritual father who “transformed (her) life.” She sang several beautiful songs in celebration of his victorious life. Lewis Pearlman read from the book of Isaiah to praise his pioneering spirit, “And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’”

Hyung Jin Nim gave a tearful, heartfelt tribute to the Samuel Family for uniting to honor their father’s intentions, in contrast to his own family who did not. He explained that the calligraphy he drew for this Seonghwa meant, “Heavenly Warrior, return to your Father!”

Many misunderstand God’s love, which does not mean to love everything, but to love what God loves. There is a difference between good and evil, and between Father’s wish and what he told us not to do. Otherwise we will end up loving what is false and becoming morally compromised ourselves.

Even though Wesley was in the 43 Couple Blessing that took place in 1969, he did not receive the praise and accolades of others in that historic Blessing. Yet it was Wesley who stood with Father in the end by supporting the successor whom Father chose.
The Kingdom is inherited by those who do the will of the Father, not by those who have good relations with their friends.

The Wonjeon Ceremony was held at the Hopedale Moravian Cemetery nearby the Sanctuary Church in Newfoundland.

**World Seonghwa Ceremony for Wesley Samuel - October 2, 2016**

**Wesley Samuel - a Brief Biography**

Wesley Samuel was the first African American member to join the Unification Church in the U.S., in 1966. He and Gladys were part of the 43 Couples blessing, the 1st international blessing outside of Korea, which was included as part of the 430 couple blessing that took place in 1969. He founded Ilhwa Ginseng in America and worked in many church missions in New York and Washington, DC, and doing missionary work in Thailand, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, and Albania. Wesley and Gladys joined the Blessing to Return to True Father's Authority on February 13, 2016 and he served as the Unification Sanctuary city leader in Boynton Beach, FL. They have 6 children, 16 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

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In a powerful sermon earlier that day Hyung Jin Nim spoke about how satanic symbolism is often incorporated into popular media, even in cartoons watched by millions of children every day. He contrasted this benign marketing with the shocking, often horrific, reality of satanic rituals and practices. He urged both young people and their parents to be vigilant in protecting their innocence and faith.

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**Communing with Father on the Maine Coastland!**
Digging Deeper at Sagadahoc Bay!

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Read Cheon Il Guk State of the Union Address!

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May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

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