

Third World Assembly Takes Place in Seoul, Korea

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The third Cosmic Assembly to Proclaim the Substantial Word that Firmly Establishes the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, was held in Seoul, Korea on the 29th day of the 10th month of the heavenly calendar (December 4, 2010). The assembly, which began at 2 PM in the Main Sanctuary, on the third floor of the World Headquarters Church (Cheong Bok Gung), drew three thousand participants, including distinguished social and religious leaders, and peace ambassadors. The purpose of the assembly was to transfer the victorious providential fruit reaped from the rallies in Washington–New York, and Hoover Dam–Las Vegas.

Every seat in the house—both the third floor sanctuary and fourth floor balcony—was full. The overflow crowd went to lecture rooms on the second and third floors, improvised seats in the lobby and even filled the basement cafeteria.



Dr. Thomas Walsh, UPF secretary-general, was the master of ceremonies for the day. The occasion began with prayers for peace from Rev. Jesse Edwards (Christian), Ms. Yoneko Nakamine (Shintoist), Imam Abdul Maji Tamir (Muslim), Dr. Joon-ho Seuk (Unificationist), Mr. Chiachen Chiyao (Confucian) and Mr. Priparsin Buntin (Sikh). Dr. Sun-jo Hwang, UPF-Korea president, then welcomed those present. His remarks were followed by congratulatory addresses by Mr. Su-seong Lee, a former prime minister of Korea; Mr. Ju-seon Park, a member of the supreme council of Korea's Democratic Party; and Kook-jin Moon, chairman of the Tongil Foundation.

The lights were then dimmed for a video presentation introducing True Parents' lives and work. Following the video, Rev. Hyung-jin Moon, international chairman of UPF, introduced the main speaker, his father, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, who delivered a special address. Following Rev. Moon's speech, flowers were presented to True Parents by Mr. Kyung-pyo Kim, a Korean provincial assemblyman and Ms. Juraina Jahara, from Malaysia. The event culminated in the signing of a Declaration of Peace campaign statement and the striking of a "peace gong" by True Parents.

In his welcoming remarks, Dr. Hwang noted that the fulfillment of God's wish would be God being humanity's substantial true parent and that the course for that began with the proclamation of True Parents through their Holy Wedding in 1960 and it would conclude in Korea on January 13, 2013.

Dr. Hwang said that this four-day event would represent True Parents' life-long providential course. He added that in preparation for this event, True Father adhered to the practice of accumulating success that has become his lifelong tradition and can be seen as beginning with the Gimpo Airport complex Mokpo Ocean complex à Keomundo (Ocean providence) à Yeosu (workshops to encourage those participating) à Sun Moon University à and Cheon Bok Gung.



The event continued with congratulatory remarks by social and political leaders. Mr. Lee (prime minister, 1995–1997) expressed gratitude that the assembly could be held in Cheong Bok Gung. Referring to True Father's ceaseless support for the North Korean people, even in times of turmoil, such as when the divided peninsula's security was threatened recently by the North Korean Army's attack on Yeonpyeong Island, Mr. Lee

expressed his appreciation for True Father's efforts to restore kinship among all the Korean people.

Rep. Park expressed gratitude for being able to participate in the event and said that the Abel UN created by True Father would act as a driving force for maintaining peace globally. He prayed that the Abel UN would restore the original essence of the UN, which now has become an arena for political and economic competition between nations. He hopes to see UPF, the Abel UN, fulfill the UN's original responsibility to establish harmony for all members of the human family. He said that the four-day rally in Seoul would be the beginning point.

The Tongil Foundation chairman, Mr. Kook-jin Moon, spoke of his father as the Savior and as humanity's Messiah and said that the fulfillment of humanity's dream is possible through true love, which can be realized by discarding a self-centered view and leading a life centered on God through the Unification Church.

Rev. Hyung-jin Moon testified that his parents are the True Parents, the Savior and humanity's Messiah, and said that they were the best parents for having opened the way toward God and for guiding us to come closer to God. He concluded his introduction by saying that the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, who are the spiritual parents of all people, transcend the concept of mere founders of a religion by bringing salvation to humanity. Therefore, we must strive to realize the truth as revealed through the embodiment of the word, and inherit God's true love by becoming one with God and restoring the original parent-child relationship.

True Father, after being escorted onstage by Rev. Hyung-jin Moon, spoke as if delivering his final will and testament to all humanity. He said that all people must restore their spirituality, which was lost through the Fall and that the process of re-creation has to go through three stages as did the original Creation. In order to realize the ideal of one family under God, which is God's ultimate wish as the parent of humanity, the Korean people who have received the mission of leading humanity to its final destination must cling to their mission with all their hearts. He concluded his speech by saying, "Come and live with me in the spiritual world."



The audience, returning to True Father the blessing they had received through applause and yelling “Aju!” in support of the rousing content of his serious remarks, prayed in unison that every word spoken by True Father during hoondokhae would be realized in the same way that God created the universe through the word.

After True Father’s special address and the presentation of flowers came more cheers and applause. True Parents signed the written declaration and sounded the peace gong which marked the conclusion of the first Cain–Abel UPF rally of the third Cosmic Assembly to Proclaim the Substantial Word that Firmly Establishes the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

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