Unity through Love

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I would like to greet you like this: Raise your hand high and say, "Hallelujah, hallelujah!" Thank you. I would like to express my thanks to everyone present here. I would especially like to thank Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for making such a special occasion possible. They both loved peace, they lived lives of sacrifice and dedication for peace and are continuing their efforts. I believe that their earnest prayer and passion for peace have also made us passionate. Their passion is spreading all over the world. It is harmonizing the world. It is creating peace in the world.

Today, the Korean Clergy Leadership Conference (KCLC) is especially grateful to the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC). I believe this gratitude will continue. Rev. Moon and Dr. Han established ACLC to realize world peace. ACLC gave rise to KCLC, and ACLC and KCLC gave rise to WCLC (World Clergy Leadership Conference). Therefore, ACLC, KCLC, and WCLC, these three organizations, are one. We are under one parent. KCLC will continue its work with appreciation for ACLC.

KCLC seeks love. Jesus' last prayer to his disciples was "Pray to be one." [John 17:21] How can we respond to that prayer? How can we be one? Do you think we can be one through a doctrine? Can denomination unite us? Can skin color unite us? Can education systems or regionalism unite us? No. It doesn't work like that. It is written in Colossians 3:14, "And over all these put on love,

which binds everything together in perfect unity." We believe that we can be united through love. The only way to unite with one another is through love. Only love can bind us all together. If we love, we can unite as one despite differences in skin color and nationality. Therefore, KCLC seeks love. KCLC seeks harmony.

Blessed be the peacemakers

Peace has several meanings. When we say "shalom," there is inner shalom and outer shalom, which are inner peace and outer peace. Inner peace is peace within your mind. And outer peace is peace in your family, society and nation. "Shalom" also includes justice. It includes order. When we say "shalom," these circumstances are realized. There is another meaning in "shalom." It is "harmony." Let's think about a rainbow

When I say "shalom" (peace) a rainbow comes to mind. The rainbow is beautiful. It is beautiful because many colors are in harmony. If it's all red or if it's all blue, can it be as beautiful as a rainbow? I hope we, WCLC, KCLC, and ACLC, can be in harmony, like a rainbow. Even though our colors and all other parts are different, shalom can be realized if we all harmonize together. There is peace when there is harmony. KCLC seeks harmony with everyone. God is the god of harmony. God is the god of order. Jesus also said blessed are those who bring harmony.

The Apostle Paul also taught us to have harmony with all aspects of our lives. He emphasized that without harmony, we cannot see God. He said to harmonize with everyone as much as possible. By everyone, he meant every single person in the world. We cannot exclude anyone. I believe that we have to harmonize with everyone, even though we are of different skin color, race, nationality, or anything else that is different. I believe this is what God wants from us. We hope that we can become a rainbow transcending every denomination such as the Family Federation, the Presbyterian Church, the Eastern

Orthodox Church, the Methodist Church.... There will be true harmony and true peace.



WCLC members at the launch of the World Clergy Leadership Conference join hands in prayer

Renewed in the Holy Spirit

KCLC relies on the Holy Spirit. In Zechariah 4:6 is written, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit..." It doesn't work only by our will, determination or knowledge. Only the Holy Spirit can unite us as one. Therefore, Holy Spirit, please come here. We welcome you. We acknowledge you. Holy Spirit, please lead us. KCLC will rely on the Holy Spirit as we continue to pray. We will seek God's help. As the Holy Spirit was present on the day of Pentecost, we believe that the Holy Spirit will be with us today and will lead KCLC to unite, to harmonize, and not disperse.

Lastly, KCLC relies on the peace that God gave us. Real peace does not come from a human being. Peace made by a human could easily break. We believe that peace given by God is real peace. Please hold the hands of the people beside you as we offer a song. The song goes like this: "Peace! Peace! Wonderful peace coming down from our Father above! Sweep over my spirit forever, in fathomless billows of love." Let's offer praise altogether. We want peace given by God. Let's all stand up and sing it once more. "Peace! Peace! Wonderful peace coming down from our Father above! Sweep over my spirit forever, in fathomless billows of love."

I believe that God will grant us peace starting here. It's here now, not anywhere else. It's not for another day; it's for right now. It's us, not others. I hope this peace will be with you from this moment through World Summit 2020. Bless you, in the name of the Lord. God bless you! Thank you.