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Jeongseong Meeting for True Father's Health & Longevity
Preparing for Foundation Day
Yong Cheol Song

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The dates for this Summer Assembly of European Leaders had been arranged for some months at a time when we were unaware of the profound significance of the timing of this gathering. The moment was fixed by heaven such that the time that True Father lay in intensive care could also be a time for eighty European Leaders to join in repentance, prayer and jeongseong.

What is more our Continental Director, Reverend Song, had to the last minute, despite the serious situation in Seoul, urged Professor Taek Yong Oh to be available to share with us True Father's words about his Core Thought, the Eight Great Textbooks and Teaching Materials and the Providence of Foundation Day. Every morning, from 5am to lunchtime, this proved to be such a fruitful journey into the heart of God and True Parents and towards the victory, liberation and completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, which is Foundation Day.

All leaders reflected on the profound content and were called to repentance and the realisation of True Father amazing patience as he was unable to share the full depth of the Original Divine Principle for fifty or more years, due the lack of foundation. Many aspects of True Parents' mission and teaching and the absolute and unchanging nature of their heart and mission became clearer to us than ever before. We were immediately aware of the need to share this with all our European membership as soon as possible.

In the afternoons and evenings we conducted a review of the year so far and considered in presentations and working groups how to move forward towards Foundation Day in the light of True Parents' instructions and most recently True Mother's message that we 'must not stop' but go beyond our best efforts and multiply results ten or one hundred fold.



We shared the news from our International President and Dr. Seuk each day and joined together in three heartfelt communal prayer conditions totalling 80 minutes a day. We felt grateful to be able to offer together and on behalf of Europe our study, work and prayers as a sincere jeongseong offering for True Father's health and longevity. We concluded with awards to those nations, cities and individuals who had contributed by sending many participants to attend True Parents in Korea, had outstanding results in Church Development and European Workshops or Leadership Conferences and had distributed 430 autobiographies.

Final words of guidance from President Yong Cheon Song included:

You wondered why I had invited Professor Oh, but now you know that it was a precious gift from God and True Parents. Let us do our very best for the second half of 2012. True Parents are alive and working with us. It is time to stand up and take action. Last time I reported to True Parents in Chyeongpyeong, True Father asked me to speak about my visit to Japan and I understood that, if all our European Brothers and Sisters stand up and work together, that the European Providential Nations and all thirty-six nations can contribute to bringing a great victory on Foundation Day. We can make it happen!





REFLECTIONS

Fritz Piepenburg ~ Frankfurt Community

Very intense 5 days, workshop and leaders' conference all at once.

Professor Oh was definitely worth to listen to. All of the explanations (some rather new and moving) are words of True Father's explanations during the long hours of HDH. Thus he could condense many days of HDH with True Father and put the content in a structural and presentable way to us. For this I am very grateful. Never before I heard such clear explanation about God of Night and God of Day, end especially about the meaning of Foundation Day, than from him. Thanks to President Song for calling him to Europe and make this meeting possible.

Rosemarie Hoyte ~ East London Community

I feel so inspired to have been in this amazing workshop, but more than anything else I am deeply grateful.

Before I met the Unification Church I was a Christian missionary. I loved God through His Word and tried to understand it as much as possible. I studied the Bible for up to 8 hours a day as well as Jesus' original language—so that I would be able understand his words directly. I researched the Aramaic/ Greek and Hebrew origins of Old and New Testament text.

However, when I met our Church and began to study the Divine Principle, Heaven spoke these words to me, "New wine must be put into new wine skins, new wine must be put into new wine skins". I understood that this "new wine" referred to the DP. I understood this intellectually, but I couldn't feel it spiritually. Nonetheless, I joined the Church, somehow, still waiting internally, for this real "New Wine".

Then, during this Leaders' Assembly, as I listened to Prof. Oh's lectures, I felt that finally, I could receive this "New Wine". These lectures were the "New Wine" I had waited 33 years to receive. As I understood this, so many emotions filled my heart ... but mostly gratitude for this precious opportunity that I wanted to make full use of. At the same time, with Father's health situation, this was an opportunity to offer completely by receiving fully.

After making this effort, my spiritual eyes opened and I could see every day, True Father appeared behind Prof. Oh, passionately teaching us. From this it was easy to understand that Prof Oh's words were really from True Father. I could see that behind each leader's chair stood a muscular, strong male being in white clothes, who remained throughout. I also experienced that, as long as I maintained my effort during the lectures, I did not feel the heat of the hot weather – instead my environment changed and I felt completely comfortable and surrounded by a cool breeze. My desire is now to study further, in order to digest this New Truth – to "educate" my family and to share with brothers and sisters.

Siegfried Jesnen ~ Munich Community

I always wished that someone would explain to me all those proclamations that TP made in recent years. I had the feeling that my understanding of their significance was less than perfect. This presentation by Professor Oh fulfilled that wish more than I desired to hope. Even though I hardly could take in this stream of information, I feel truly enlightened about important issues as "Absolute Sex"... "Foundation Day". I also feel deeply motivated to study further the course of TP, but from now I will use Professor Oh's presentations as my study guide. I think that in this way it will be much easier for me to come to the core of TF's messages. I will make a great effort to share my new understanding, because in ignorance it is impossible to attend TPs.

Steinar Murud ~ Oslo Community

Thank you for organising this seminar. I hesitated to come due to preparations for ELC in Oslo and other matters. But I am sure the blessings we received here will make all the pieces in our local work come together in a good way. The insights we received from Professor Oh were very valuable. So many questions about Foundation Day and the Providence were answered. This seminar will strengthen our efforts in preparing for Foundation Day and will encourage all our members.

Marjorie Hill ~ Copenhagen Community

I am so grateful for having been able to spend this time of concern and anxiety about True Father with all my brothers and sisters in Schmitt. It felt like the feeling of comfort, strength, and unity of children and family in the waiting room beside a deeply loved and gravely ill parent or hero. I felt much inner strength as we prayed and cried together, and a strong determination to go forward, boldly and courageously, united in heart with my brothers and sisters.

I am also deeply grateful to Pres Song for initiating, and then pushing, Professor Oh to come, even when he was unsure because of True Father's situation. The lectures were life-giving, and answered many of my long-term and silent questions that I have kept in my heart. The truth is always liberating, freeing and empowering – and I felt a new burst of vitality. Now I feel more clear where we are going.

Ulrich Ganz ~ Hamburg Community

This seminar helped me to understand something about the meaning of the Foundation Day. Obviously the providence of TP is leading up to this day and it is vital for us, to connect with it. Also there is still so much to understand about the Original draft of the Divine Principle. This kind of seminar is very necessary for me and I think for our movement in general. Honestly, I'm surprised how little I have known and understood about Foundation Day, even so I have heard many times that this D-Day is important. Also it was a special opportunity to pray for True Father's speedy recovery and feel more connected with the True Family in Korea and Blessed Families all over the world. Thank you!

Lorna Russo ~ Torino Community

The deepest feeling that I can express for this European Summer Assembly is one of gratitude. Gratitude to our most beloved True Parents of Heaven and Earth for their total sacrifice and victory, to Professor Oh for studying and documenting TF words and sharing it with us this week and to President Song for his and Mrs Song for their dedication to God's providence and for inviting Professor Oh to Europe. For the first time since I am a member I can truly say that I could understand TP life course and what they have been doing and achieving for us and for all mankind. I feel in my heart that True Father will be with us on Foundation Day together with True Mother to celebrate the most glorious day for our Heavenly Father and mankind. Now that our True Father is in this period it is the time of us children to be victorious too to enter CIG with True Parents. What we received in this time will be shared with all our brothers and sisters in our community so together we can unite and dedicate our 100% effort to be victorious in all TP expectations for Foundation Day and after.

Tim Miller ~ Bromley Community

This has been a remarkable meeting because it has come at a time where there is such a strong impulse to reflect and repent due to the situation regarding True Father's hospitalisation.

It has been extraordinary to receive the presentations of Professor Oh. While we know many points from our True Father's words there are also many points we simply do not know. Most importantly we have not been able to understand how to put all the precious words and declarations together into one whole picture which enables us to see True Parents' mission and the incredible gift that is Foundation Day.

It is as if we had a masterpiece but it is all in pieces like a jigsaw puzzle – some parts we have been able to put together over the years, but some of the main parts of the picture were still all in a pile of pieces.

It was shocking to realise that True Father had known all, that is now 'new revelation' for us, since 1952 when it had been part of his original text, but that he had not been able to explain the most fundamental points due to the lack of foundation.

Simply we have not understood clearly who True Parents are nor clearly what was lost and needs to be recover – in essence 'absolute sex'. Of course I need to read everything through and study and also very importantly help this content to be conveyed to others as soon as possible – it is always by passing to others that we have the best opportunity to understand ourselves.

Professor Oh shared at lunch that True Father's greatest enemy had been God in that God had called TF over the border to North Korea in 1946 or to USA in 1971 with the assurance that the way would rapidly open to complete his mission, when in fact TF met with the most bitter opposition, betrayal, misrepresentation and imprisonment. TF could so easily have developed resentment, but has none at all.

To realise all that True Parents have been working on in order to give a gift more precious than ever given before in human history – they have been preparing that gift for us even though we have not even understood and maybe even felt at times to complain about our own small burdens as a result of following the providence.

Their generosity, their limitless love is indeed a substantiation of our creator, the God of Night, whose heart we did not know and who could not reach to us.

I must tell my family, I must find the way, even they do not know they need to know. From there I must tell my tribe and everybody to whom I can challenge to reach. I may not be able to tell it all because of my small foundation but I must be patient and yet never lose the sense of mission, in the footsteps of the True Parents of Heaven and Earth. This time of study will help me to read Hoon Dok Hwe with greater relish. In my prayers I did say to God take my life instead of True Father's if it would help – but I quickly realised that is too easy by far – it is offering my life each day that is a more precious and demanding gift. How is it that TF is still on the path after 77 years with even greater creativity and subjectivity than he had as a teenager, with an obedience that is as absolute as ever it was. Sometimes I feel I am old and rather dry, but then I remember how God touched my heart at the very beginning of faith and grace from True Parents. I realised that, although I need God, He surely also needs me. I also realised that it is a privilege to be asked to do the difficult things for God, the things that for myself I do not want to do. God should never be allowed to lose out again, so I must make sure that I do not walk away from the task, but allow love to take me out of my awareness for self into true love for God and awareness for others. I have a lot to do and must remember those best moments in which I almost tasted what it was like to stand in the Garden before the command was given. Soon we will stand on that ground under the grace of Foundation Day having received the 96% from the True Parents of Heaven Earth and Humankind and with 4% still to add. Grace I already received but none so much as is to come!

Bogdan Pammer ~ Vienna Community

It was great to join in prayer as brothers and sisters. I felt empowered by praying for True Parents (after going through repentance). The condition made the schedule very intense, which was good and needed. The lectures gave great insights into the meaning of "Absolute Sex" which I am grateful for. Professor Oh's passion for True Father's words is contagious. We could see the level of spiritual intensity rising when we talked about Foundation Day but this was a good starting point to tackle the challenge.

Tomasz Krsyzowski ~ Stuttgart Community

Incredibly intensive and rich time, often had to fight with armies of sleepy spirits, but finally got a lot of new understanding and realization, especially about the meaning of Foundation Day. Personally, I had difficulties at the beginning to pray for TF's health; couldn't find the words and clear motivation, why I want to pray and for what (even though it seemed obvious). But at the third day (Wednesday) I got short but very deep personal experience with TP's, being their child. Since then on I couldn't stop the tears. Thank you very much for this possibility and your investment.

Juraj Lajda ~ Prague Community

Dear True Parents,

I want to express my gratitude for being here. This was the most important assembly I could attend in this historical and critical time. We are praying for the points in the Lisbon Resolution but now it became more accurate and specific for me. Through the lectures I could understand more about True Parents, President, and the value of the present moment. I could realize what it means to have a life and death determination more deeply. Professor Oh's lectures were very clear, deep and in many respects new. This we need to have. I am grateful I could participate in this meeting and in the prayer condition for the swift recovery, health and longevity of TF. Based on the lectures of Professor Oh I received a lot of inspiration and new power which leads to my determination to fulfil the conditions and goals for Foundation Day. Especially to bring the Czech President to Korea for FD. I am convinced that it is possible. Finally, I have to say that during the assembly also my health improved and I didn't feel pain in my back. Thank you very much.

Maryvonne Calvis ~ Madrid Community

True Parents saved my life!

True Parents saved us, and saved the world. As Christians always say, Jesus saved us, that time I really feel True Parents are saving us. Of course, I knew this before, but I can feel it much more than that time. Praying for True Father, those days, I was really moved thinking of the precious moments we had with True Parents in the last 2 years in Spain. This will never come again. Thank you True Parents. Thank you President and Mrs Song for this opportunity, this jeongseong for True Father's health, and for Professor Oh and this precious education.

All these lectures are so deep to understand much more about Foundation Day. I want to reflect on it, and practise it and find a way to share with Blessed Families in Spain. I feel it's a great responsibility and challenge but also a big blessing. I can only repent and make a new determination to continue on this way and offer the best of myself, my family and my community to offer until Foundation Day a great victory to God and our True Parents. Thank you again! Long life to True Father and True Parents!

Brigitte Wada ~ WFWP and Les Ulis Community

I was very happy to come to listen Rev Oh's lectures. It is a real good preparation for the Foundation Day.

It was a lot of contents that I still need to digest but a necessary contents to understand more deeply T.Parents' course and heart. Necessary also to redetermine ourselves to accomplish True Parents' expectations. For me the greater joy to offer will be to bring substantial results and great victory to our True Parents. I felt that True Father accomplished everything and that He more worries if we accomplish our part of Responsibility until Foundation Day.

Christian Kracher ~ Innsbruck Community

Coming together in this serious time, to pray and do Cheon Song Cond for True Father's health and complete recovery, is such a privilege, to give back very small amount, to show gratitude for everything True Parents do for me and all mankind since centuries unconditionally. At the same time my determination grew enormously, to give and invest everything I have until Foundation Day, to bring Victory as a united family, with the consciousness that it will not be the end, but the beginning. Special thanks to Professor Oh. Now I understand much more the internal meaning of this time.

All the testimonies and presentations are uplifting, and I'm very excited to share them with brothers and sisters. There are many things waiting for me to be accomplished. Thanks to everybody.

Giuseppe Cali ~ Rome Community

When I was called to this meeting, actually I was not completely happy. The reason is that every summer we have several WS, especially at this period of August. So I had to cancel one of them. Then the news about True Father arrived and for me was quite a shock. I spent 3 days before coming just meditating about my life with Father and how much I miss Him. The time stopped for me and I was not in the mood of any "social life". Now I know that it was better for me to come out from that state of mind and be fully engaged in a providential activity.

Through the lectures I regained hope and strength and by living with European brothers and sisters, I could warm up my heart again. I'm going back now re-focussed with the desire to review all the lectures, re-focus on all the tasks we have in front of us, that are many and bring vitality, hope and love to the Heavenly brothers and sisters. Of course, I cannot forget about True Father's situation, and I continue internal silent prayer for Him. I feel that we still need Him here on earth and I'd like Him to experience the day to see the Foundation Day here and the Unification of Korea. We all share these feelings and this make me feel that despite our shortcomings, we are "one people" under God and True Parents. This is a chance for all of us to become fully aware of the wonderful miracle that true Parents represented for us and the entire world.

I'm confident that Father will resurrect once more restoring even Moses, and entering together with is in the Foundation Day.

Thank you to all. Thank you to life...

Nobuhiro Igarashi ~ Copenhagen Community

First of all, thank you very much this great opportunity. I was very amazed Professor Oh's lecture. I did not know the Foundation Day has great and deep meaning so that True Parents have invested incredible jeongseong, and they give us all their victorious foundation. I am also amazed we could have our assembly the same period of TF's staying the hospital that we could pray for him. I want to share all content to our members in Denmark, and I determined to invest myself much more than before. I am thinking also how I can raise our members up and work with them. Otherwise we cannot make good results. We will make good results.

Thank you very much again for this assembly.

Elisabeth Cook ~ Vienna Community

I very grateful that I could attend the workshop. We got so many insights in True Parents' work. Professor Oh systemised it perfectly. I could experience unity among us which was becoming stronger every day. I'm also very grateful that we could pray together for TPs. I'll give my best to convey the contents of the lectures to the Vienna community, and especially the message of President & Mrs Song. It was very important for us to meet directly with them in this critical time.

Thank you for all the hard work behind the meeting.

Patrick Jouan ~ Monaco Community

Most memorable and meaningful time. It was like a spiritual and physical "package" with deeper insights about Principle, providential explanations of the dedications, ceremonies, Peace Messages and the fellowship with brothers and sisters was heartfelt joyful but especially to have this family unity at prayer time for True Father's health, fast recovery and long life. Thank you very much.

Alfred Waldmann ~ Klagenfurt Community

I received many inspirations concerning the increased accurate work of reporting all the member's achievements – small and big. Especially the many small efforts they are doing in their hometown environments. Personally I received big inspiration concerning doing accurate PR work and follow up. I also feel sad not having brought my wife with me. My and our deep concern is - especially having heard Professor Oh's presentations – to participate at the Foundation Day God's Blessing (13.01.2013) in Korea with the whole family, also spending time there with close guests and new members.