



Heavenly Parent's Holy Community

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Dear Families,

Only Three Weeks to Go!

We hope you all had a blessed and happy Easter weekend. Fumiko and I were grateful to have been welcomed by families in Belgium and in the Netherlands as we celebrated this most important time in our Unification history, 88 years since our True Father first received his commission from Jesus.

We received additional information from Korea about the "High Holy Week" at the beginning of May and some of you may have already received the brief IHQ memo which is attached to this note. We would like to answer a few of the questions that have come up, to help us all as individuals, families, communities and indeed as a region to make our own final preparations for these events. Please be aware that all dates and especially times are still subject to change.

1. Concluding the 40 Day Season of Special Grace (March 26th to May 4th)

- a. Thank you to everyone who is joining in this condition. We started all together in our communities with a time of prayer on March 26th, and we will finish on May 4th. Many of us are offering our **own choice of devotional conditions** during the 40 days and all national and community leaders are available on request to offer counselling and guidance. It is still possible for anyone who wishes to do so to join the period of Special Grace ... please continue your own devotions for a full 40 days if you started late.
- b. **By May 4th at the latest, everyone should have partaken of the Special Grace Holy Wine ceremony.** The recommended method is in a community setting such as a Sunday Service or another special gathering established for this purpose. Many communities are offering several such opportunities. But each person need only participate once.
- c. For those members **who simply cannot join a Holy Wine event in person**, our community leaders are requested to make suitable arrangements so that these people can receive the Holy Wine in their home, and watch a simple video of the ceremony.
- d. It is expected that True Mother will offer a "sealing prayer" for the 40 days of Special Grace. We have heard that **this will likely take place on May 7th** during the celebration of the Cosmic Blessing ceremony. Therefore, we encourage everyone to consider extending their period of devotion beyond May 4th by an extra three days (becoming 43 days) so as to maintain our attendance until the date of that prayer.
- e. Please remember: each *individual* (not family) receiving the Holy Wine and Special Grace is requested to make a **"donation of gratitude" based on the number 13**, e.g. 13 Euros, 130 Euros etc. This donation should be made locally in your community during the 40 days They will then be submitted to the EUME HQ and reported and sent to Korea.. Community leaders, please encourage members to make these donations either before or soon after receiving the Holy Wine so that this point is not forgotten or overlooked.
- f. As we seek grace and forgiveness from God, let us remember to offer that same grace, forgiveness and kindness to each other. And above all, be thankful and grateful for the many blessings we have received from our Heavenly Parent!

2. The “Holy Week” Events (May 1st to May 8th)

- a. **May 1st onwards: Nightly illumination of the Cheonwongung** and devotional prayers. There may be a broadcast of the May 1st lighting ceremony: details to follow.
- b. **May 3rd to May 4th the UPF Summit Conference.** This is an in-person event in Korea. We have a delegation of about 30 attending from EUME. It is possible that there will be an opportunity for some members in EUME to join by an online platform for sessions running from about 0200 – 1000 CET on both days. Details to follow.
- c. **May 5th Two events: (i) Holy Day Celebrations and (ii) Cheonwongung Dedication**
 - i. **Joint True Parents’ Day and Heavenly Parent’s Day Pledge Service** Live in Korea at 0800 KST and possibly streamed online at around 0100 CET. The suggested time for EUME local celebrations is 0700 or 0800 EUME. *(However, local Holy Day celebrations can be combined with those scheduled for May 7th, see note below)*
 - ii. **The Cheonwongung Dedication Ceremony** live in Korea at about 1000am KST. It is possible that there will be an opportunity for members in EUME to join a live broadcast by an online platform at about 0300 CET. Details to follow
- d. **May 6th and May 7th: the HJ Cheonbo Spring Great Works.** We expect this to take place live in the Peace World Center starting at about 1600 KST and thus to be broadcast at around 0900CET. A recording of the May 6th event will be shown on May 7th. Registration is required and all members in Europe are encouraged to join online on either day.
- e. **May 7th: Two Events : Holy Day Celebrations and the HJ Cosmic Blessing**
 - i. **Joint Celebration of True Parents’ Birthday (True Mother’s Palsun 팔순 (80th Birthday) and True Parent’s Wedding Anniversary.** We expect that there will be a morning Pledge Service, followed by the main celebrations in the morning Korea time and possibly streamed online from around 0100 CET. Details to follow.
 - ii. The suggested time **for local celebrations in EUME** is to hold a **Pledge Service** from 0700 or 0800 CET onwards followed by a **public celebration**. Since it is a Sunday, communities may schedule the entire celebration at their normal Sunday meeting time. *The pledge service can be combined with the one scheduled for May 5th, you can hold pledges on both days but one is enough.*
 - iii. **The Cosmic Blessing at about 1400 KST live in Korea.** The program will be joined online by our EUME Blessings in Tirana and Stuttgart at around 0700 CET. It is possible that there will be an opportunity (or even a call) for all members in EUME to join by an online platform at 0700, especially if the Grace Prayer mentioned above is offered at this time. The Blessing ceremony may or may not overlap with the local celebrations mentioned above. Details to follow.

3. How can we participate in the Holy Week activities?

- a. **Please join in as many of the programs and events as possible** during this week. There are three ways to do this: (1) In person in Korea (2) In person in a local community (3) Online. We recommend in-person participation wherever possible—and please bring your friends!
- b. **All EUME communities will organize AT LEAST ONE in-person** public event over the period May 5th – May 7th. We hope this will be an outreach event and more than just an internal Holy Day celebration. There are some nice posters and other materials to celebrate True Mother’s 80th birthday or Palsun (팔순) which you can find here. [\[Link\]](#)
- c. Our **Holy Day Donations** are always appreciated. You will have heard from your national or community leader about the suggested amounts for individuals and families, but every donation is welcome. These donations are being **offered and collected locally**. They will then be submitted to the EUME HQ and reported and sent to Korea.

- d. Please note that the first stage of the **Cheongwongung campaign will close on May 1st**. All donations reported to our EUME HQ by that date will be submitted to Korea *before* the dedication of the Cheonwongung. Let us take this the opportunity to again thank everyone who has donated generously and especially those who are continuing to donate! Although it is anticipated that the campaign will reopen after the dedication ceremony, *it is still not too late to join the "first class" of donors!*

Let's all join together in a final effort!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael & Fumiko Balcomb, consisting of two distinct cursive signatures.

Michael & Fumiko Balcomb

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Cc: Heads of Providential Organizations, Personnel-in-charge in Regional Headquarters, Subregional Headquarters
From: Heavenly Parent's Holy Community FFWPU International Headquarters
Date: 2.15 by the Heavenly Calendar in the 11th Year of Cheon Il Guk (April 5, 2023)
Re.: Schedule of Events for the Celebration of the 80th Birthday of Hak Ja Han, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind

May Heavenly Parent and True Parents' blessings and love embrace you all.

The 11th year of Cheon Il Guk is an especially auspicious year for the Providence. This year marks both True Mother's 80th Birthday and the 10th anniversary of Cheon Il Guk's Foundation Day. True Mother is offering devotions for the dedication of Cheon Won Gung, the primary temple of Heavenly Parent and the central administrative building for Cheon Il Guk, to Heavenly Parent on True Parents' Holy Wedding Anniversary, May 5, 2023 (3.16 by the heavenly calendar). A commemorative program of events is also being prepared to celebrate the anniversary of True Parents' Holy Birth (True Mother's 80th Birthday). Notable among these are PEACE SUMMIT 2023 and the Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival.

Accordingly, the International Headquarters would like to announce the schedule of major events marking the 80th anniversary of True Mother's Holy Birth. We hope all leaders and blessed families around the world will join together in heart and participate enthusiastically.

1. Main Program and Schedule

No.	Title	Date	Note
1	PEACE SUMMIT 2023	May 2-5, 2023 (HC 3.13-16)	
2	Cheon Il Guk Gyeongbae Ceremony for the 56 th Heavenly Parent's Day and the 64 th True Parents' Day	May 5, 2023 (HC 3.16)	
3	Dedication Ceremony for Cheon Won Gung	May 5, 2023 (HC 3.16)	
4	Special Celebration of the 80 th Birthday of Hak Ja Han, the True Parent of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind, and the 2023 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival Hosted by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind	May 7, 2023 (HC 3.18)	

*Schedule may change later due to unforeseen circumstances

2. Cheon Il Guk Gyeongbae Ceremony for the 56th Heavenly Parent's Day and the 64th True Parents' Day

A. Date: 3.16 by the Heavenly Calendar (May 5, 2023), Friday

B. Venue: Cheon Jeong Gung and churches/chapels in each region and nation.

C. Offering Table Preparation: Fruit, cake and other items may be prepared for the holy day offering table according to the circumstances of the local churches.

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