

Young Hwi Kim Concludes 5 City Tour in New York City and Washington DC

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More than 600 Unificationists from New Jersey, New York and Connecticut attended the second-to-last stop of Rev. Young Hwi Kim's five-city speaking tour in New York City.

Unificationists from the East Coast came out in the thousands to attend the last two-stops of respected elder Rev. Young Hwi Kim's speaking tour in New York City and Washington, D.C. on November 16 and 17, 2013. The following includes separate reports and participant impressions from the concluding events. We will soon post a video of the New York City event and provide a written version of the address.

Unificationists Excitedly Receive Rev. Kim in New York City



The participants listened to video message from True Mother titled, "We Are Happy People."

Rev. Young Hwi Kim, one of the most respected elders of the Unification Church, spoke to nearly 600 members in New York City on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, on the fourth stop of a five-city U.S. tour representing True Mother.

Members from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut started lining up two hours before the 10:00 a.m. starting time to enter the Grand Ballroom of the New Yorker Hotel, the site of many historic events in our movement.



Rev. Kim looked energetic as he gave an inspiring speech in flawless English about True Father's life course and activities in the Spirit World.

Rev. Kim, looking energetic and healthy at age 85, gave an inspiring speech in flawless English, in which he walked us through True Father's entire life course, concluding with the work he is now doing in heaven. All of his points had implications for our life of faith. He made clear to us the significance of True Father's final words, what True Father has accomplished, the absolute unity of True Father and True Mother, and how blessed we are to have received True Parents' Blessing. Beyond that, he encouraged us to have conviction and to work to liberate the spiritual world as well as witness to those in our family and to those who are living all around us.

Rev. Kim's talk was preceded by a very powerful and inspiring video that portrayed True Mother's recent activities: her speaking tour in Japan, her efforts to raise up our future leaders, and her work to prepare True Father's words that they might shine as a diamond to the entire world.



Dr. Chang Shik Yang, the international vice president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), spoke on Rev. Kim's remarkable story of faith, humility and perseverance.

The program was opened by a beautiful, heartfelt prayer from Denneze Neslon, representing the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP). Next, Dr. Neil Salonen, president of the University of Bridgeport, reminded us of the importance of God's word and the fact that it was Rev. Kim who had come to the United States with True Parents in 1972 in order to teach the Divine Principle to the American movement.

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, the North American continental director, explained the significance of Rev. Kim's visit: Rev. Kim was sent to us by True Mother so that we might connect to her in heart and in action.



Dr. Neil Salonen, President of the University of Bridgeport, reminded the audience about Rev. Young Hwi Kim's early church work as the first Divine Principle lecturer in the United States.

Dr. Chang Shik Yang, the international vice president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), spoke on Rev. Kim's amazing story of faith, humility and perseverance. Rev. Kim has been a disciple of True Parents for 60 years, and he and his wife are one of the three couples who were the first to receive the Holy Blessing from True Parents.

Following his talk, flowers were presented to Rev. Kim by Justin and Kazuka Okamoto, the young adult pastor in WestRock. Dr. Michael Balcomb, president of FFWPU-USA, gave the closing call-to-action remarks, and Dr. Michael Jenkins, chairman of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, led everyone present in three cheers of Eok-Mansei.

Big thanks to all who helped make this event possible: District 3 leader Dr. Anne I.; District 2 leader Rev. Andrew Compton; Andrew Love, the pastor of UCNy in Manhattan; Steve Honey and his daughter, who led us in singing; the stage and behind-the-scene crews under David Eaton; and David Rendel from National Headquarters.

Testimonies from Rev. Kim's New York Event



Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, Continental Director of North America, displayed the new edition of the Cheon Seong Gyeong.

Rev. Kim's message was very effective for a Western, American audience. It's always best to acknowledge difficulties and problems, not to hide them, and then to explain how, in the big picture of the providence, these things too shall pass.

Neil Salonen, President, University of Bridgeport

From the beginning of the tour in Los Angeles, through San Francisco, Chicago and now here in New York, I've been encouraged by the response of the young people of the Second Generation. Most of them have met True Parents only once or twice, so to hear from their direct representative in such an engaging fashion has been a real plus.

Michael Balcomb, President, HSA-UWC USA

Today's gathering gave me new confidence in the providence, for I knew True Parents are victorious and I must be victorious in my life on earth. I realized I have two main responsibilities: to witness about True Parents, and to unite with my wife!

Moktar Kouyate, New Jersey

Rev. Kim's presentation was the most enlightening education about the entire restoration providence centering on True Father and Mother. I got born again and re-empowered spiritually and emotionally. Now I have confidence I will restore my nation of Uganda, as I am the first member to follow True Parents in that nation.

John Patrick Magoola, New York

The best talk in my memory about the course and condition True Father and Mother walked and how they took responsibility for God, and to go beyond past failures. I hope to be able to see it on video and share it with the 2nd Generation.

Galen Brooks

I learned the meaning of True Father's final prayer, and what it means to say he completed everything. Rev. Kim was clear, straight-talking and uplifting. He acknowledged our movement has had some "bad news" but there is much more good news to come.

David Stadelhofer, Boston

Especially I was moved by the concept of the Heavenly Parent and True Parents in oneness, and the embodiment of God on earth. Without knowing that content clearly, I don't think I would be able to progress very much.

Manuel Liba, New York

I am definitely inspired. I need to rededicate myself to True Parents and fulfill my responsibilities.

Kuninobu Miyazawa, New York

Dear True Mother, I miss you in my heart and I miss True Father too. I really felt moved when Rev. Kim spoke about the early days. I really miss those kinds of lectures. Therefore I will make more time to study True Father's life course. I will become a heavenly crane for you, True Parents.

Jorge Cuello Espinoza

I never heard so crystal-clear an explanation of True Father's early days, beginning with Rev. Baek Moon Kim and others. I have attended many lectures in Cheongpyeong, OSDP and more, and I have to say that Rev. Kim's explanation is the best ... and his English is perfect. We should make a DVD of this speech and share it with the world.

Nita McDonough Skolyszewski

I will memorize the heavenly Holy Scriptures, and witness with a new and stronger faith in True Parents. I will be a strong citizen of Cheon Il Guk. We are no longer in the wilderness period: we are happy people because we are of God's lineage!

Christine Kung, Queens, N.Y.

After photographing True Parents for 33 years, I really love True Parents. But the video made me realize I don't love them enough, and I have to make a deeper determination. Thank you, True Parents, for helping us find new determination.

Ken Owens

Although Rev. Kim's body is old now, his spirit was so bright and enthusiastic, a real testimony to the power of living a good life serving God and True Parents. I appreciate his conclusion that the future is bright and we don't need to worry about anything except our own portion of responsibility.

Greg Odlin, Pastor, Maine Family Church

As a Unificationist-born young adult, it was such an honor to hear from Rev. Kim, an early pioneer in our church. I felt more open about being a blessed child and expressing that with others. Vision 2020 will be a success, and I truly believe that.

Marilyn Marin Benavides

I last heard and met Rev. Kim in 1973 at the International Leadership Training at Belvedere, where he

presented the Divine Principle in the presence of True Parents. Those years of 1972-1975 were foundational years in America, and I feel that our nation is on the verge of a new revival.

Helen Alexander, 777 Couple

We can't imagine our lives without the love and sacrifice of our True Parents. Through them we found God and the heart of a parent. You have given us life that has meaning and purpose. You have given us the opportunity to raise a family and free our ancestors. Our lives are full because of your words.

Bill and Mineko Christian, New York City

This was an extremely rejuvenating experience. As a high school student it is always very difficult to wake up early on Saturday morning. But this event seemed important, so why not? Because he spoke good English, it was easy to understand and I was constantly reminded of things. I really wish True Mother would come herself, though!

Takayoshi Miyamoto (2G)

United States' Capitol Marks Last Stop of Rev. Young Hwi Kim's Speaking Tour



At the last stop of Rev. Kim's speaking tour, almost 700 people came to listen to him recount True Parents' life and accomplishments in Washington, D.C.

The final presentation of President Young Hwi Kim's Five City tour to deliver an educational and encouraging message from our True Mother was powerfully presented at La Fontaine Bleue Banquet Hall, Lanham, Maryland on Sunday, Nov. 17.



The audience listened intently to Rev. Kim as he spoke about True Parents' life and the relationship between the physical and Spiritual World.

It was a glorious occasion with nearly 700 in attendance and many testified to the wisdom of True Mother in sending Rev. Kim as her emissary. His presence is that of a wise teacher who deeply cares for the well-being of his students and his vast experience and keen insight into the life of True Parents enables him to effectively convey his message with clarity. He spoke for about two hours, and his content and heart were so deep that the crowd stayed engrossed throughout his message.

The local Metro Music Ministry thrilled the packed room with a six song set. Emcee Shinnan Goto welcomed everyone and guided everyone in singing along with the Cheon Il Guk National Anthem video. Rev. Angelika Selle, President of WFWP -USA, gave a beautiful invocation and Dr. Michael Balcomb, President of FFWPU-USA, energized everyone with his enthusiasm. Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, Continental Director of FFWPU, gave an overview of the newly published *Cheong Seong Gyeong* and displayed a copy of the beautiful new edition. In order for all those in the room to catch the spirit of the "We Are Happy People" video, Dr. Balcomb jumped to the microphone to read the English text while True Mother spoke on the video. Dr. Chang Shik Yang, UPF International Chairman and Vice-President of FFWPU International, introduced the details of Rev. Kim's life and ministry. Because of the value of many of the providential activities in which Rev. Kim participated, the crowd regularly applauded the accomplishments that Dr. Yang described.

Throughout his speech Rev. Kim referred specifically to dates and places of importance in the life of True Father, which was the basis for explaining the purpose and meaning of those activities. He rarely referred to notes and, thus was able to constantly engage the audience with his warm and focused attention.

There was a constant referral to the Spirit World in his address. His simple, clear explanations were of great benefit to many in the audience who were raised in the more secular and materialistic Western hemisphere. Rev. Kim's reasonable and lucid descriptions of the relationship between the physical world and the Spirit World enabled us to appreciate the importance of using our time and resources to create a heavenly environment that will improve everyone's lives.

To conclude, Pastor Miilhan Stephens of the New Hope Church in Maryland wrapped up with "what this testimony means for us now." Since the program was a unique opportunity to gather the entire District One community, outgoing District Pastors Henri and Loretta Schaufler were honored along with the incoming interim District One Pastors Ernest and Keiko Patton. The event officially concluded with a photo showing the crowd that was able to be in the room, but because of the great respect that so many in the audience have for Pres. Kim, he was the center of group photos for another 20 minutes as people who had worked with him thronged to greet him.

It is always the sign of an efficacious event when many people ask for a DVD of the presentation.



Rev. Kim's wife, Mrs. Dae Wha Chung, embraces her husband after he finished his last speech as part of the five-city speaking tour in the United States.

Testimonies from Rev. Kim's Washington D.C. Event

The way Rev. Kim shared his experiences with Father was far more profound than just reading his autobiography. There are few people who can talk about Father's life and can convey the tone the Father also had. He told many stories about Father not finding faith and having to start over so many times. I'm left with this image of Father going back North Korea under impossible circumstances yet somehow he was able to complete all that he was supposed to do on earth. As young Unificationist I find it difficult to go out and speak as a representative of True Parents because of how inadequate we are, but from Rev. Kim's speech today I find hope that by uniting with True Mother we can keep True Father close to us and trust that God and spirit world will make the impossible

possible.

Miilhan Stephens, Maryland

Rev. Kim gave compelling testimony to the vast love that God and True Parents have demonstrated to all people, both in the physical world and the spirit world, and he also illustrated how we can work together to create Heaven in both realms. It is hard to believe that Rev. Kim is over 80 years old – he looks and acts like a wise and loving 60 year-old grandfather whose warmth and wisdom will provide comfort to those lucky to be around him for many years to come. I feel recharged with a more clear understanding of the truth and refreshed with a big dose of love. The content and timing of this experience is a gift from God and True Parents that propels us toward a successful conclusion of 2013 and offers powerful

preparation for 2014.

Ernest Patton, Maryland

This was a great opportunity to hear such profound words from one of True Parents peers and first disciples. I want to speak for many of the 30 to 40 year members, me being one, who have been just hanging on or may have drifted a little away from the mainstream activities of the church over the years. This talk gives me vision for a renewed future. As an elder, Rev. Young Hwi Kim demonstrated True Mother's love very well and I want to thank True Mother for sending him.

Jonathan Diamond, Pennsylvania

Thank you True Mother for concern and love for our family in America and for the world to send your representative Rev. Kim. His incredible stories and explanation of the early days with you and True Father were really great to hear. I want to study his speech and learn from it to prepare for our life of witnessing.

Naomi and Sebastien O'Connor, Maryland

This was just an amazing experience to hear directly the life history of True Parents and the teaching through living of the Divine Principle. Thank you True Mother for sending Rev. Kim as your emissary. He gave 100 percent love and heart of attendance. We are now working more and more on creating a Hoon Dok Family environment for our own family and more determined for reaching out to the community we live in.

Randy and Kumiko Francis, Maryland