

Let Us Find Our Path

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Today more than five hundred leaders of our unification movement from a hundred and twenty nations are here with Sun Jin nim and In-sup nim. All of you have been attending the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind with absolute faith as they created something out of nothing. All of you are truly the first and primary contributors to the creation of Cheon Il Guk. I am sure that your names will be recorded for all eternity in the Acts of the Cheon Il Guk Apostles centered on True Parents. Let us give a big hand to all of those that have been working hard to advance God's will in the mission field, in providential organizations or in providential companies, all the while enduring loneliness and pain in silence.

True Father's Seonghwa was a great shock that brought us sorrow and pain. Let us remember, however, that True Mother is the one who had to endure the greatest difficulty throughout this shocking and painful experience. Many people expressed concern as to whether the Unification Church would be able to cruise along without True Father. Many were concerned and worried that the Unification Church would be adrift, at sea, or would become like an orphan. However, in these difficult times, True Mother, True Parents, showed the way like a beacon to all humankind.

Even before fully recovering from her sorrow over True Father's Seonghwa, True Mother addressed us, saying that the unification movement cannot stop on its path. Our only course is to advance.

She proclaimed that we will advance incessantly and later proclaimed Foundation Day, opening the gates to Cheon Il Guk. She instructed the compilation of the text of the three great Cheon Il Guk scriptures, and enacted and announced the Cheon Il Guk Constitution. She is also making many investments into nurturing a diverse, deep and broad pool of global talent for the future. True Mother is currently taking command of the world mission work and is guiding us toward the establishment of Cheon Il Guk.

True Parents also gave a priceless gift -- Vision 2020 -- to us. 2020 will mark the historic centennial of True Father's birth and True Mother's seventy- seventh birthday. At a time when we may easily fall into the vortex of chaos, True Mother has clearly presented the path that we should take toward this landmark date by fulfilling Vision 2020; that is, by establishing Cheon Il Guk and embracing all humankind.

We should respond in kind by offering our results as gifts to our True Parents. In order to prepare this gift by 2020, I believe we need to humbly ask ourselves and reflect on whether we have clear goals and strategies that we are executing and whether the entire unification movement is moving in the same direction and in unison. It is for this reason that True Parents instructed us to include leaders not only from the church but also from the providential organizations and companies in Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2015.

We organized this assembly on this background. That is why the slogan this time is "Partnership and Synergy."

In order to fulfill Vision 2020, the church, providential organizations and companies must completely coalesce. We should each create a trinity centered on True Parents and diagnose the current situation of our movement so that we can build solidarity and partnership in maximizing the effects of our endeavors. That is why we prepared this venue and assembled all of the Family Federation components, the providential organizations and providential companies centered on the International headquarters.

Toward metamorphosis

Respected leaders, the process and end-result of achieving Vision 2020, ultimately rests on the transformation and unity of the unification movement.

"Transformation" and "unity" are keywords that True Mother has been emphasizing to us on many occasions since True Father's Seonghwa.

In her address on the first day of 2014, True Mother said, "We should think only about the restoration of

the nation and world by 2020. We should borrow Heaven's wisdom, muster all the methods and skills we can as human beings and change everything. If we do not, we have no future.

In order to do this, we must be the first to change and then we must change the world." She added, "It is now time to return results to Heaven.

We cannot do this using the ways in which we have done things until now. You must change. We need to be productive. That is the only way we can survive. I'm telling you to find the power of creativity within yourselves."

Through these words, we can see that True Mother has been emphasizing the need and importance of change and growth in our movement in the Cheon Il Guk era. On October 2013, True Mother reminded us that there is nothing we cannot do if we are united. She underscored the need and importance for unity and solidarity centered on our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

I believe that this assembly is the venue through which we can explore the direction needed and the methods for channeling our passion for change and unity and for fulfilling our expectations regarding Vision 2020. This change and this unity is nothing less than what God, True Parents, members of the unification movement and people of the world demand from our movement today in the Cheon Il Guk era.

What kind of strategic goals should we have in order to bring about this transformation and unity? The Divine Principle shows us that God's providence always expands horizontally on the foundation of a vertical standard.

In this light, I thought from the vertical and horizontal perspectives about what we can actually do in order to achieve Vision 2020.



Left to right: The FFWPU international president, her vice-president, the president of WFWP International, the author, the president of the Asia region and the national leader of the United States

A vertical view of Vision 2020

Vision 2020 as seen from a vertical viewpoint is first about establishing the word through the three texts of the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures.

Who is the Messiah? The person that brings the truth is the Messiah. What defines True Parents' identity? Their identity derives from their having brought God's word. Don't we learn about our Heavenly Parent's circumstances and study about the providential history of restoration through God's word? The word is expressed through the textbooks and teaching material that allow us to perfect ourselves on our own and perfect and expand our families so that they manifest Cheon Il Guk on the earth.

That is why, as a gift to all of us, True Mother took True Father's messages -- like rough gemstones filling six hundred and fifty volumes -- and invested time to polish and compile these messages, as precious jewels, in the Cheon Il Guk Holy Scriptures. If True Mother does not guide the compilation process and complete it in this age, who else in future generations can do this? We should be grateful for all eternity to True Parents, who are giving us these precious words. I believe the most important thing to do from our vertical position in fulfilling Vision 2020 is to study and do the Hoon Dok reading of True Father's teachings.

The next point I would like to make is that we must uphold the Cheon Il Guk Constitution and to value it more than our own lives. We also must establish in our own lives and carry on the traditions displayed through True Parents' life courses.

The last point I would like to make is that we should uphold True Father's last words and legacy by

fulfilling our missions as heavenly tribal messiahs, which True Mother is also strongly pushing us to do. Heavenly tribal messiah activities are not simply a slogan or campaign. With the heart of a true parent, we should guide those around us to go through the Blessing Ceremony. Members have already ignited a fire in the Philippines and in Thailand. This flame is now spreading beyond Asia and is headed toward the rest of the world. Even in Korea, the homeland of our faith, and Japan, we are seeing couples emerge that have completed the restoration of 430 couples. In that sense, our leaders should set the example in front of their members. These activities should not be something that our leaders push members to fulfill as results.

I believe that our heavenly tribal activities should be an actual effort to truly convey God's word, teach people the Divine Principle and help them establish themselves as blessed families that uphold our Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' traditions. When we have done this, our efforts would then naturally lead to church growth.

Viewed horizontally

What should we do on a horizontal level? We should focus on nurturing and managing potential leaders. True Mother is devoting a lot of effort and investing, through various channels, in the education of second- and third-generation Unificationists. Through the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation, she initiated and has continually supported the Universal Peace Academy, Top Gun workshops and a variety of other activities. The future rests on the state of our second and third generations. True Mother is very much aware of this fact.

What we can also do is create a sustainable environment for our movement, moving away from one-time events and from focusing on shortterm activities. Let us set the example in becoming happy, ideal families in a society that is getting worse by the day. To sum this up, we should focus on reestablishing our movement as one that has the trust and love of society by practicing True Parents' philosophy of peace.

Implementation

What are the tasks that our movement needs to address in reaching these vertical and horizontal activity goals? I believe we must begin by reforming people's perception of our leaders.

Thus, we as leaders need to transform ourselves. By transforming our leaders, we can transform our organizations; by transforming our organizations, we can transform the world. I want to underscore the need to change, reform our awareness and through that, to bring about a reformation of our organizational culture.

We must rise above the past awareness and culture from the era of indemnity and instead establish a providential view, a view of our faith, a view of the church, an outlook on the family, and an outlook on providential activities that are in accord with Cheon Il Guk. Our leaders and members should share a common awareness and mind-set.

Regaining trust

There is a saying in Book 12 in the Analects of Confucius. Tsze-kung asked about government. The Master said, "The requisites of government are that there be sufficiency of food, sufficiency of military equipment, and the confidence of the people in their ruler." Tsze-kung asked, "If it cannot be helped, and only one of the three must be preserved, which one should it be?" The Master answered, "If the people have no faith in their rulers, there is no standing for the state."

The core that sustains an organization, the key to management of the state, lies in its leaders gaining trust. When a leader and members of his organizations build a strong bond of trust, they can create a sturdy organization that will not be swayed by anything but can continue on its progress. At this time, I hope that today our leaders can once again engrave this point in their hearts and become part of this endeavor to reform the culture of our movement.

Efficiency

The next step is establishing an efficient organization and structure that is appropriate for our church, providential organizations and companies in fulfilling Vision 2020. Regarding the proposed reforms, the international headquarters will continue to bolster its structure and capacity in managing our goals and risks.

The third issue is reform in the area of the development and management of human resources. In the chapter on human resources in his book, *Public Servant Ethics*, the famous Korean thinker Yak Yong Jeong wrote, "It is a serious crime for a wise man to cover up mistakes." We often say that incompetent

people surround us, but it is not that we do not have competent people; the problem is that we failed to identify competent people and to then nurture and enhance their overall competency. Circumstances do not determine the future; it can change depending on the decision of one leader. In that sense, people are our assets and represent the future. True Mother is very much aware of this fact and thus spoke about launching the Cheon Il Guk Human Resource Management Center.

Respected leaders! What did True Father teach us and emphasize repeatedly? He told us to have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

When True Father talked about God's attributes, he taught us that God was absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. I think that how we find and establish this concept of absoluteness is extremely important.

What would happen to our members who follow our leaders if our leaders fail to find this absoluteness and wander without direction? If we go in the wrong direction and lack coordination, we end up on the wrong path. When this happens, what occurs within our members' souls and in their lives? That is why we must realign ourselves to the correct coordinates and direction, like one would with the North Star, which is unchanging in the sky. When has the North Star ever changed? If our leaders sitting here today can give off light like the North Star, I am sure the members that follow them would not be confused. We should know the center. It is about time that we show faith in becoming absolutely one with that center. All of you must become like a compass. A compass accurately indicates the positions of the North Pole and of South Pole at all times, twenty-four hours a day, whether in the dark or under water. Members are following your examples. You must become like the North Star, like a compass, and help members that are living through confusion and difficulties, heal the dejected hearts and the souls that have been hurt. I hope that all of us can win their trust again and be able to present them with the proper direction.

Let us be mature leaders

In conclusion, I would like to share a little of what I felt was going through True Parents' hearts. I had a dream right before True Father's Seonghwa.

Jesus appeared wearing a crown of thorns and said, "The unbelievers drove these small nails in both my arms and legs but this stake in my heart was put there by believers."

This reminded me of True Father in the hospital. Perhaps the people of the world were the ones who drove the small nails in Father's arms and legs, but we, we blessed members, are probably the ones that put the stake in his heart. It is now time for us to pull out that stake, which has been festering in True Parents' hearts and release them from their bitter sorrow. True Mother even now is unable to find sleep at night. When she is in front of us, she looks so calm and confident with a smile, but she is bearing this heavy providential cross on her own and can find sleep only when she takes sleeping pills. Yet, she wakes up at two or three in the early morning, worried about God's providence of restoration, and about us, her children. Her pillow is wet with her tears.

Please remember that this is how True Mother is right now. Let us become mature children and respected leaders that fulfill Vision 2020 with our True Parents, even though we do not have much time remaining.

Darkness is deepest right before dawn. Often after a violent storm, we are blessed with a rainbow. In the same way, in order to reach this landmark achievement through Vision 2020, we should gratefully persevere through the hardships and suffering we face today. The future of our movement and completion of God's providence of restoration depends on us. Please have that sense of mission and pride with you today. I hope that through the presentations, forums and seminars that occur throughout this assembly, for the next two days, we can ask ourselves where we are headed and find our path.