

## On Starting the 40-day Special Dedication Period for the Victory of the 10th Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa: Heavenly North America

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Date: July 3-6

Number of Churches that joined: 27 (23 in the U.S. and 4 in Canada)

Number of participants: 1545 (1,287 in the U.S. and 258 in Canada)

**Rev. Yong Chung-sik, Regional Group President of Heavenly North America**

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Sunday!

Last night we heard our beloved True Mother's message at the special service to kick off the 40 days of devotion for the 10th Anniversary of True Father's Ascension.

It is hard to believe that it has already been ten years since our beloved True Father ascended to the spirit world. How much do we miss him? I miss him so much. My longing heart longs for True Father all the time.



But how blessed we are that True Mother has guided us through the turmoil of grief, of deep mourning, and then through the soaring to new and great providential heights for the past ten years.

We saw incredible advancement with True Mother on earth and True Father in Heaven, united in mind and heart. True Mother has guided us to further Heavenly Parent's providence with firm conviction, immense love, and boundless grace.

Through True Mother, our Blessed families could be registered into the Cheon Bo Won and finally fulfill their Heavenly Tribal Messiahship mission as True Father had asked of us so many times. We were able to bring top leaders from the political and religious fields and from all walks of life, to pledge their support of the work of the Mother of Peace, our True Mother.

We can see True Mother's determination to bring the Heavenly Unified World to fruition, the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk, and offer it to Heavenly Parent and True Father. And we cannot help but want to be by True Mother's side and part of this monumental and historical work.

Since Father's Ascension, we have commemorated his Seonghwa Anniversary with Festivals, Blessings, great conferences, and various activities.

We know this time of the year is a precious opportunity to celebrate True Father's legacy, honor His life and recommit ourselves to supporting True Mother.

But over the years, the reality is that many of our brothers and sisters have grown distant and apart.

Sometimes they just lost connection, not necessarily their heart for True Parents. But some may have more profound pain and need more healing and love to come back.

Listening to True Mother last night, I could feel her desperation. She was strong, healthy, and as radiant as ever. Mother looked beautiful, of course.

Her smile and demeanor conveyed how much she trusts and loves us, but she also needs us to deliver substantial results at this time. She is asking us, Blessed families, to fulfill our responsibility.



As you know, we want to bring those results. We launched the New Life Campaign a few months ago, and we've been witnessing new members regularly, with the intention that each member raises three new spiritual children. Naturally, we will continue to do this. We pledge to Heavenly Parent and True Parents that we will bring new members and substantially grow our church.

But during the next 40 days leading to True Father's Seonghwa Anniversary, True Mother asked us to also reach out to all those distant members, those who are inactive. We know that True Parents can never forget any of their children.

Heavenly Parent will never abandon any of His children. We know that our mission is total salvation.

It means no one is left behind. With this heart resonating with the heart of our Heavenly parent, let us expand our activities and re-witness to our brothers and sisters, whom we haven't seen for a while.

We should not only witness new members but resolve to bring back our brothers and sisters. How much will Father be happy to see his beloved children coming back? How painful is True Parents and Heavenly Parent's heart when they see those who have been so faithful and sacrificed so much are lost and wondering this world on their own?

My dear brothers and sisters, we are a large community. Sometimes we may not notice when some of our members stop coming or stop tithing.

But during this devotional period, let's focus on actively reaching out to these or even former members. Let us remember all of God's children, all True Parents' lost children, and show them that we care and love them. I am sure that when we see our family members return, we will not want to stop after 40 days but will continue until we achieve total salvation.

As we pray daily, join Morning Devotion daily, and read our Hoon Dok Hae materials daily, we should also make a list of members we know in our area that have not been participating and reach out to them. Invite them for coffee, to dinner, listen to them and love them. And then remind them that God and True Father are waiting for them and that True Mother is eagerly waiting to welcome them back.

Let us do our best to bring joy and delight to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents through absolute unity with True Mother, get back our lost brothers and sisters and then continue to fill our community with new life, new spirit, and many new members.

Let's make the 10th Anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa a truly victorious event. With UPF successfully creating a robust environment for witnessing, let us at the Family Federation focus on witnessing to new members as we bring back distant members so that on the day of the Anniversary, we have can have an entire family attending our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Let's resolve to do it!

Thank you very much.