

WestRock Family News

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Motto for the 3rd year of the Heavenly Calendar:

Era of the Victory, Liberation, and Completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind

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Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy (solar) New Year 2013!

It's 40 days from today until Foundation Day!

I pray that you are well and full of excitement for the New Year!

Thank you for all that you offered through out the year 2012; your time and effort, your hard earned money, and most importantly your heart and devotion.

Special thanks to Dr Tom Selover – I received many good reports regarding the sermon he gave this last Sunday. Also special thanks to Mrs Yasuko Takahashi for preparing the snacks (I heard they were delicious!)

I know you are wondering, what is going on with plans for Foundation Day. I hope that many of you are making plans to go to Korea. True Mother's desire is that as many couples as possible come from America (that is why she approved the reduction in our offering from \$1300 to \$130.). For those who don't go to Korea - my proposal to HQ is that we hold our ceremony here on Feb 22 (Friday) in the evening. I have already reserved the Double Tree for that purpose. There is also a possibility that we will join together at the Manhattan Center.

For God's Day – Sunday, Feb 10, we will have a combination God's Day Celebration with offering table and Sunday service at the Double Tree Hotel. We will have our usual God's Day entertainment with prizes – so please let me know if you would like to perform (singing, dancing, poetry, martial arts, ... what ever you are good at!).

This coming Sunday, Jan. 6, our first Sunday of 2013, I will be here at the WestRock service. I look forward to seeing you then.

As for news from the NY District –

In Manhattan Rev Andrew Love is leading the Sunday service at 43rd Street. He is working on forming a ministry team.

Also in Manhattan a Latino Ministry is about to begin. They have already formed a ministry team and Jose Rafael is going to be the pastor. They will meet at 43rd Street on Sunday afternoons.

The Bronx church has formed its own ministry team and Rev Galvan, the pastor, is once again conducting Sunday service at the Bronx center.

In Queens, Rev Yuji Mizuguchi has decided to move on to something new and the members have chosen John Kung to be their new pastor. They are forming a ministry team and will begin their own Sunday service soon. (By the way, John and Christine Kung were blessed with a grandson, born on 12/12/12)

In Brooklyn they are working on forming a ministry team. One of their first jobs will be to repair their building – getting it ready to become a place that can give new life to new members. They are looking for a pastor, so if you are interested, let me know.

Soon I will be going to visit our church communities in upstate NY. I will let you know how that goes.

I hope to see you at the Ice-Skating Ring

LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT 2013!

God Bless You

Andrew Compton

Sermon

I apologize – we did not make a recording of Dr Tom Selover's sermon

Light Thought for the Day

High Cost of Free

Outraged by the high charges that the computer service wanted for repair work, one employee asked her co-worker which service she used.

"My sons," was the reply. "They both have degrees in Computer Science."

"So you get that kind of work done for nothing," the friend marveled.

The co-worker smiled. "Actually, I figured that it cost me about \$140,000 for my kids to fix my computer for free."

Providential News

- True Mother is in Korea
- 40 Days until Foundation Day; 13th Day of the First Month of the 3rd year of the Heavenly Calendar (which will be Feb 22 on the solar calendar)

Quote for the Week (and a poem)

Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.

Abraham Lincoln

"The Gate of the Year" by Minnie Louise Haskins (1908)

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

So heart be still:

What need our little life

*If God hath comprehension?
In all the dizzy strife
Of things both high and low,
God hideth His intention.
God knows. **His will Is best.**
The stretch of years
Which wind ahead,
So dim To our **imperfect vision,**
Are clear to God.
Our fears are premature;
In Him, all time hath full provision.
Then rest:
Until God moves to lift the veil from our impatient eyes,*

*When, as the sweeter features
Of Life's stern face we hail,
Fair beyond all surmise
God's thought around His creatures
Our mind shall fill.*

WestRock Council

Chairperson – Matthew Strater
Vice-Chair – Rob Kitchens
Secretary – Grace Selover
Treasurer – Danso Sawamukai

Committee Assignments (so far):

Youth and Education – Toby Gullery
Care Team – Grace Selover
Finance – Danso Sawamukai
Outreach – Tokiko Stewart
Small Groups – Jim Stinard
Sunday Service – Rob Kitchens
24+ – Danso Sawamukai and Grace Selover
Peter Reiner is now on the council, replacing Mary Hida

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 7:30 pm at the White House.

Announcements (from the Sunday Bulletin)

WestRock Announcements (WR Web Site: www.westrockfamily.com)

Outreach

- **True Father's Autobiography**- please continue to do your best to distribute True Father's Autobiography
- **OSDP/Bible Study** – Will take place Monday Jan. 14 @ 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm at the White House. All are welcome.

Community

- **Ice Skating:** Jan 1 at 4:30 pm we have our ice-skating party at the Westchester Skating Academy (91 Fairview Park Drive, Elmsford, NY 10523)

One request - I am looking for items for our raffle. If you have an item you would like to donate that we could use for our raffle, please bring it with you today.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WestRock Prayer by Conference Call- Sunday 8 to 8:20 am Phone Number: 712-432-1699, Access Code: 736416# All are welcome.• Prayer Continues for Jiau-Lan Weinstein and Michael Kiely. They are fighting to overcome cancer. |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">Next Ahn Shi II: Sunday January 6, 2013</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!</p> |