

WestRock Family News

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Motto (until 2020)

"Let us become true owners of Cheon il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!"

America and Around the World

Next Ahn Shi Il is on Friday, December 19

- Be sure to visit (click on this link) www.familyfed.org for the most recent recording of True Mother and the latest messages from Dr Kim and Dr Balcomb (the WEEKLY UPDATE)
- Special events in Las Vegas this week: a conference for young professionals---the Cranes' Club-- on the weekend of Dec. 20-21, and a Christmas Party/Banquet on Dec. 21 after Sunday Service with True Mother. You can get all the info at www.familyfed.org (in the upper right - "Christmas with True Parents").
- Financial Contributions for the International Peace Education Center in Las Vegas are still being accepted. Contact Rev. Compton.

New York District and Westrock

- Divine Principle Study Monday, December 22 at the White House, 7:30-9pm.

Divine Principle 1-Day workshop: Saturday, January 17, at the White House, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm. Lecturer: Andy Compton

- **Justin Okamoto gave this week's sermon at Belvedere. It was entitled "Choices". You can view it if you go to: <http://vimeo.com/114675668>**

Pastor's Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Greetings! Great news – True Mother (*wife of Rev Sun Myung Moon*) is now in Las Vegas and on Sunday, Dec 21, more than a thousand brothers and sisters will be gathering there to celebrate the Christmas season with her.

Lydia and I will be headed there for a District Leaders' meeting on Friday and to spend Sunday with True Mother. Saturday is when the young professionals (those who are gathering to initiate the "Crane" club) are going to be meeting. I heard that all the events are now booked to capacity!

This past Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, my wife and I had the wonderful opportunity to visit our NY Pastors and members in Kingston, Barrytown, Albany, Syracuse, Ithaca, Orange County, Brooklyn, Queens, Long Is, and the Bronx. We also met with John Arias of the Latino Ministry and we met with Pastor Tanya during the FCNYC Christmas party the previous Sunday.

All I can say is that we have a lot of incredible brothers and sisters – who have been through a lot of

ups and downs. Now, we have a great opportunity and I feel that Heaven is looking to see what kind of choices we are going to make. Justin Okamoto gave a sermon (see the link above) on making choices (in contrast to making decisions). Now we have the opportunity to make a great choice – the choice to love our Heavenly parent, the choice to love my family, the choice to love my “family of faith,” and the choice to love this world alongside our True Parents.

I pray that we can feel what a blessing it is to be able to attend our True Mother – and that our hearts can be filled with joy in doing so.

Together, with her, let’s build God’s ideal in our homes and in our community!

God Bless You and your Family,

Andrew Compton

Blessing & Family Ministry Corner

Blessing Travel Grant: True Mother has encouraged couples to make every effort to attend the main Blessing Ceremony in Korea. [New date TBA] To make the trip more affordable, the National BFM will be offering a special Korea Travel Grant. Check the national BFM website for more information at bfm@familyfed.org

Level 3 Blessing Workshop will be held in January at UTS on Jan 24-25th. These are mandatory! And awesome! Contact Debby for more information.

Prayer Requests

Jiau-Lan Weinstein continues to fight lung cancer.

Laura Nabetani is at home, but continues to have serious health problems.

Please pray that **all Westrock families** will be happy and healthy this Christmas season and that everyone coming home for the holidays will arrive here safely!

Testimonies/Reports

“Today (Wednesday, December 17th) I went to Manhattan to witness. I met Masako Aul and three other Kodan sisters from the New York/ New Jersey area who witness near our 4 West 43rd St. building every Wednesday and Friday from 11am to 1pm.

This week the weather was quite warm so we could meet and talk with people outside---in Bryant Park near the Ice Skating Rink, at Times Square and along 42nd Street. (When it’s cold they go inside Times Square Subway). It was a lot of fun!

I will go again on Wednesday, December 31st. If you want to come, meet me at the White House at 9:30am.”

Lydia Compton

Light Thought for the Day

Knowledge and Wisdom

The difference between Knowledge and Wisdom:

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.

Wisdom is not putting tomatoes in a fruit salad.



Tidings of Joy and Good Will



Announcements from the Sunday Bulletin

Outreach

DP Monday night study at the White House: 7:30 pm

1-Day, DP introductory Seminar: Saturday Jan 17, 2015

Location: White House, Time: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, \$20

ICE SKATING: Jan 1, 2015. 4:30 – 6:00 pm. Invite your friends! Bring \$2.50 for skate rental. Location: Ice Skating Academy, 91 Fairview Park Drive, Elmsford NY

Community

Christmas Service: on the last Sunday of December (28th) we will have a Christmas service. To make it wonderful, we need everyone's participation (food, ushering, preparation, decorations, entertainment, etc.) Please sign up after service with Rev Compton

Middle School DP Winter Workshop:

We will be holding a 2-Day DP Winter Workshop for middle school kids. Location: White House, Fee: \$40

Arrive: 9:30 am, Tuesday, Dec 30. Depart: 5 pm Wed., Dec. 31

Rev Compton will guide the DP Study

Wonky Todd will organize and guide the activities

Bring: Sleeping bag and whatever is needed for a one night sleep over. Register by email with Rev Compton, (space is limited)

Cheon Seong Gyeong and Pyeong Hwa Gyeong sets are now available. They can be ordered directly from national HQ or through Rev. Compton.

Other

Dance & Yoga After Service: everyone is invited to join Rose Cho of dancing and yoga after service. It's great fun and it's healthy!

Prayer

Members are invited to come for prayer –On **Tuesdays**, 7 am, at the Central Park Holy Ground (call Rev Compton if you want a ride)

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Make it a Great Week!
Ahn Shi II is Friday, Dec 19