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The Age of True Parents' Sovereignty and the Cheongpyeong Training Center

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Who do you think are the happiest and most blessed people on earth? We, who know and attend True Parents, are. The manifestation of True Parents was Heavenly Parent's purpose for creating and the purpose of the providence of restoration through indemnity. The four-hundred-year period of preparation for the returning Lord, the rigorous battles between the Abel-type world and the Cain-type world, and World War II were all in preparation for True Parents' advent, Holy Wedding and restoration of dominion.

True Parents are our only eternal future, which is why True Mother has said that the three great prides of the Unification Church are True Parents, blessed families and the seonghwa. True love, true life and true lineage are what make the True Parents so precious. Where can we inherit these? The Cheongpyeong Training Center.

HJ Cheonwon is like True Parents' bodies. Within HJ Cheonwon, the Cheongpyeong Training Center is akin to True Mother's womb. There, all fallen people on earth and in the spirit world can be saved, reborn, registered, and take the path of eternal life. Hence, the true human ancestors abide in HJ Cheonwon, all humanity's native land.

True Mother said that the Cheongpyeong providence reached completion through three stages. First stage (July 12, 1972—January 19, 1995): Leaders received Divine Principle education here. We bought this land with the cooperation of good ancestors and held liberation ceremonies for those in the spirit world. Second stage (January 19, 1995—October 27, 2014): In preparation for the second stage, Heung Jin nim, Dae-mo nim and absolute good spirits were dispatched to the spirit world. With angelic help, evil spirits were separated and ancestors were liberated and blessed, which increased the absolute good spirits, and the environment for Cheon Il Guk was prepared on earth and in spirit world. Third stage (October 27, 2014—present): After True Father's September 3, 2012 ascension, the age in which he could move the providence from heaven as True Mother moved the providence on earth began. In order to start this age, True Parents had gone through many indescribable tests. Through their victory, they proclaimed "ultimate unity, completion, perfection and finalization" at the March 5, 2011 Cosmic Assembly to Proclaim the Words of God's Substantial Body that Has Settled as the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

True Father's last proclamation was "I have completed everything," so no one can deny it when we call them the "victorious True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind" who reside in the realm of victory. True Mother said the outcome of this is, "If you unite with True Parents, miracles will happen. If you pray and offer devotion, the spiritual foundation for you to solve problems on your own is available. Upon the foundation of twenty-one years of devotion, an automatic system has emerged."

We did not know these providential facts until True Mother directly proclaimed them during Pledge Service on the fortieth day after True Father's seonghwa. "Now my thoughts are True Father's thoughts, and True Father's thoughts are my thoughts. We will march forward with absolute consistency without stopping." On the foundation of the tearful devotion that only Heaven knew, finally on October 27, 2014, the age of the True Parents' direct dominion began.

Not only that, but at the Prayer Hall, we could attend the absolute four-position foundation of the True Family. In attendance to the True Parents, Hyo Jin nim—the Lord who will open the gates to the heavenly kingdom, as a son of loyalty and filial piety in the garden that opens the way to the deep, wide and high realms of heaven—and Heung Jin nim, commander-in-chief of the Spirit World, have united as Cain and Abel. Through their victory, we have been attending the absolute four-position foundation of the True Family. This is the age of the True Parents' direct dominion, when the absolute loyal subject, Dae-mo nim, her family and five hundred billion absolute good spirits are working and amazing events transpire. As a result, True Mother said on May 7, 2016 during Great Works Prayer-Wish Offering Ceremony for Restoration, "From now on, depending on how grateful and loyal you are in front of Heaven, through this Cheongpyeong Training Center, you will have amazing growth and development in the areas of the standard of your hearts and your lives of faith. This is a place where you can actually experience Heaven working with you."

The restored and completed garden of Eden, the new Heaven and new Earth, Cheon Il Guk's holy city of HJ Cheonwon, is the homeland of all humankind in heaven and on earth. It is the cradle of rebirth, resurrection and eternal life. Let us gather our devotion to realize the dream of HJ Cheonwon, toward which True Mother is working. 

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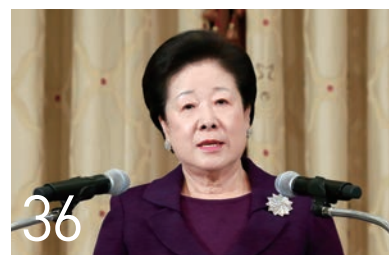


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Major Events

TRUE PARENTS' BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

A photographic record of True Parents' ceaseless efforts and heart to uplift others



True Parents' Birthday Celebration



- ① True Mother greets the many members in the stadium and in other nations
- ② Sun Jin nim and In Sup nim offering flowers to True Parents
- ③ A lacquerware globe, representing the nation, the world and the earth that God desired from the beginning was a representative gift from members everywhere.
- ④ True Mother was radiant on True Parents' shared birthday.
- ⑤ True Mother and Sun Jin Moon lighting the birthday candles
- ⑥ Sun Jin Moon, international president of FFWPU, in her welcoming remarks described her parents as having "offered their lives to God, and they vowed to love all humanity and God's creation."
- ⑦ Dan Burton, formerly a US congressman, said, "Happy birthday, Mother Moon! He spoke graciously of her efforts "to move the world toward true peace."
- ⑧ Mrs. Wonju McDevitt, chief of staff of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Secretariat, read "Now Is Mother's Time," a poem by Yoo Kwang-yol (1928–2001), which includes the words, "Mother, you are the key, the Messiah for this time."
- ⑨ Rev. Song Yong-cheon opened the celebrations with an invocation prayer.
- ⑩ Ryu Gyeong-seuk, president of FFWPU-Korea, was the MC.
- ⑪ True Family members during the invocation prayer

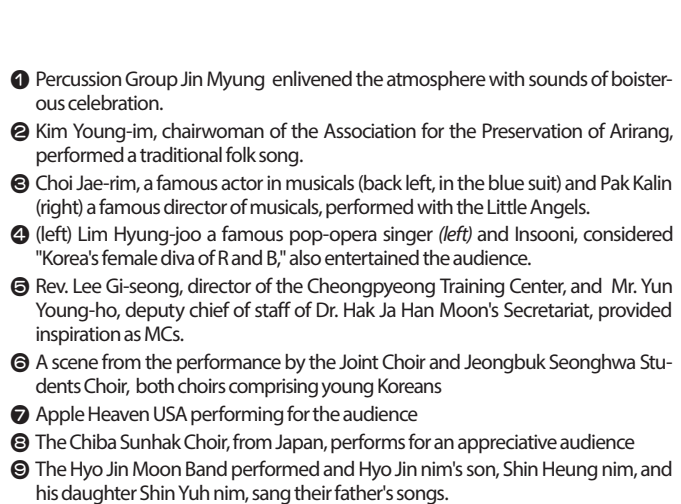


The Musical and Festival to Share True Parents' Special Meal



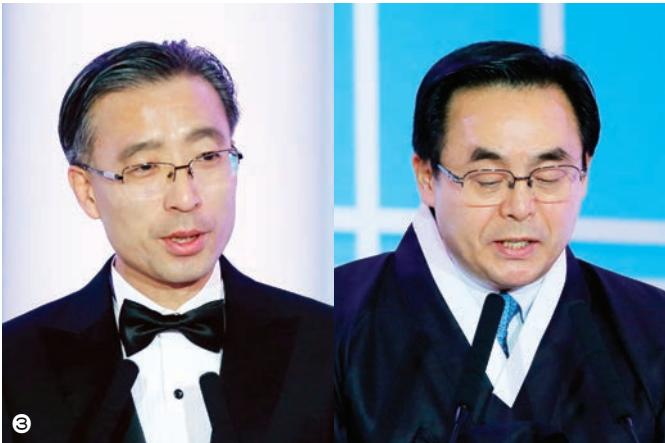
- ① The finale of the musical, the Dream of Hyo Jeong.
- ② The Dream of Hyo Jeong depicted various stages of True Parents' life courses
- ③ True Mother enjoying the special meal. With each meal came a letter from True Mother that included the words, "Father and I regret not being able to serve each and every one of you, our beloved children, a full table of warm dishes and steaming rice. Please accept our heartfelt token of love. Beloved blessed families, Father and I earnestly hope that you can become the proud sons and daughters who stand with True Parents until the last moment and work energetically to realize Vision 2020 and national restoration. Please remember that Father in Heaven is continuously cheering and supporting us."
- ④ Sun Jin nim giving the meal to Lee Jae-seok, from our 36-couple blessing group
- ⑤ Apple Heaven, formed of Cheon Jeong Gung staff members, performing

The Hyo Jeong Cultural Festival



- ① Percussion Group Jin Myung enlivened the atmosphere with sounds of boisterous celebration.
- ② Kim Young-im, chairwoman of the Association for the Preservation of Arirang, performed a traditional folk song.
- ③ Choi Jae-rim, a famous actor in musicals (back left, in the blue suit) and Pak Kalin (right) a famous director of musicals, performed with the Little Angels.
- ④ (left) Lim Hyung-joo a famous pop-opera singer (left) and Insooni, considered "Korea's female diva of R and B," also entertained the audience.
- ⑤ Rev. Lee Gi-seong, director of the Cheongpyeong Training Center, and Mr. Yun Young-ho, deputy chief of staff of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Secretariat, provided inspiration as MCs.
- ⑥ A scene from the performance by the Joint Choir and Jeongbuk Seonghwa Students Choir, both choirs comprising young Koreans
- ⑦ Apple Heaven USA performing for the audience
- ⑧ The Chiba Sunhak Choir, from Japan, performs for an appreciative audience
- ⑨ The Hyo Jin Moon Band performed and Hyo Jin nim's son, Shin Heung nim, and his daughter Shin Yuh nim, sang their father's songs.

Fourth Anniversary of Foundation Day





- ① On the fourth anniversary of Foundation Day, True Mother told the members at the event and those reviewing it remotely, "Unlike the present age, in which you only need to follow, you must take the initiative and lead with all your energy to expand True Parents' foundation."
- ② Ryu Kyeong-seuk, president of FFWPU-Korea and his wife Eom Hye-ran presenting flowers to True Mother on Foundation Day
- ③ Cho Sung-il, director general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, was the MC for the Foundation Day commemoration; and Song Yong-cheon, chairman of the Blessed Family Associations of Japan, prayed.
- ④ True Mother and the members of the Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council cut slabs of rice cake into smaller pieces.
- ⑤ True Mother and the FFWPU international president with fifty-seven couples from various nations that fulfilled their heavenly tribal messiah mission by having guided four hundred and thirty couples through the blessing process. True Mother later hosted them at Cheon Jeong Gung.
- ⑥ The Little Angels perform a drum dance as part of the celebrations of the fourth anniversary of Foundation Day.
- ⑦ True Mother speaking to the large crowd at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center and to thousands more by video



True Parents' Birthday Pledge Service



- ① Sun Jin Moon attending True Mother as she lights the Pledge Service candles
- ② True Family members at the morning Pledge Service
- ③ True Father in the spirit world and True Mother on earth, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, on their shared birthday
- ④ Ryu Kyeong-seuk, president of FFWPU-Korea was the MC.
- ⑤ Seuk Joon-ho, chairman of the Cheon Jae Won (the Cheon Il Guk Foundation) gave the invocation prayer
- ⑥ Wonju McDevitt, chief of staff of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Secretariat read the hoondokhae scripture text.
- ⑦ Kim Seuk-byeong, chairman of the Hyo Jeong Global Unification Foundation, led cheers of Eog Mansei.
- ⑧ A large number of Korean members attended the service.

True Parents' Birthday and Foundation Day Victory Celebration



- ① In the victory celebration, True Mother encouraged all members to make a fresh start for the last three years toward victory and to work with zeal toward national and then global restoration.
- ② UPA graduates were given writs of appointments to mission areas and received a ring, which True Mother personally placed on each graduate's finger.

- ③ Dr. Otsuka Katsumi, president of our Northeast Region, and Jacques Marion, secretary general of UPF Europe, offer *Cheon Seong Gyeong* in the Russian language and *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong* in French to True Mother.
- ④ After hard effort and long prayers, the holy day period concludes at the end of the victory celebration with cheers of Eog Mansei!



True Parents' Birthday Celebration and Foundation Day Special Exhibition on True Parents' Lives Work



- ① True Mother, True Family members and Korean church elders at the opening of an exhibition that covers True Parents' lifelong efforts to transform the world.
- ② This is the section on the 1960s, when Korea was still recovering from the civil war's total devastation. Some early members say that they joined because our church was the only organization whose members still spoke proudly of Korea; even in those times of despair, True Parents had a tremendous vision.
- ③ Cheon Su Do is a Chinese-character pun: characters for "cheon su" mean "life-span," other characters for "cheon su" mean "a thousand cranes." Artists from the Cheonji Sunhakwon painted a background artistically depicting True Father's hometown, Jeongju, and True Mother's hometown, Anju, over which they painted a representation of a thousand cranes.
- ④ True Mother and True Family members, after having seen the exhibition on True Parents' lives, which includes the Cheon Su Do painting



Sun Hak Peace Prize



- ① True Mother carrying out a project, the research for which was begun before True Father had ascended to the spirit world; that is, a prize to honor selfless efforts to improve the world that bears the words Sun and Hak, from True Parents' names.
- ② True Mother and Dr. Hong Il-sik, chairman of the Sun Hak Peace Prize Committee, presenting the prize to Dr. Sakeena Yacoobi, chief executive director of the Afghan Institute for Learning, in Afghanistan.
- ③ The presentation of the 2017 Sun Hak Peace Prize to Dr. Gino Strada, executive director of the NGO, Emergency, which is based in Italy
- ④ The 2017 Sun Hak Peace Prize winners with their gold medals stand between True Mother and Dr. Hong Il-sik.
- ⑤ With a background showing the humanitarian efforts of the Sun Hak Peace Prize winners, Choi Jae-rim, a singer known for his performances in musicals (*left*) and Pak Kalin (*right*) who directs and performs in musicals, collaborated with the Little Angels in a performance for the audience.
- ⑥ Our members were on hand for the Peace Prize Award Ceremony, as were scores of journalists.

Hyo Jeong Global Peace Foundation Scholarship Awards



- ① True Mother told the recipients, "You must grow well in the summer and become mature fruit in the autumn."
- ② Professor Yeon Ah Moon gave the welcoming address. Rev. Ryu Gyeong-seuk prayed. Dr. Choi Yeong-gil, the chairman of the board of the Korean Islamic Association, gave the congratulatory address.
- ③ Some recipients of the scholarships pose with True Mother for a photograph.
- ④ The recipients were young people of various backgrounds and religions.



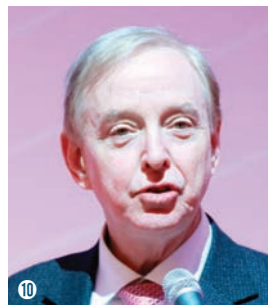
World Summit 2017



Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly



Inaugural Symposium, Hyo Jeong Academy of Arts and Sciences



- ① Prominent figures at UPF's International Leadership Conference (ILC) and the IAPP, two components of the wide-ranging 2017 World Summit
- ② At the ILC, Christopher Hill, formerly an ambassador, and Paraguayan congresswoman Cynthia Tarrago Diaz both spoke; Dr. Wu-Hsien Chu, chairman of the Taiwan Interfaith Foundation gave a benediction.
- ③ Mr. Richard de Sena, secretary general of UPF North America, was the MC at the opening banquet
- ④ The Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly facilitated deeper unity as we move toward Vision 2020.
- ⑤ Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, chairwoman of the Hyo Jeong World Peace Foundation, gave a congratulatory address.
- ⑥ Rev. Ryu Kyeong-seuk spoke about True Mother's recent activities and explained the Korean term "*hyo jeong*."
- ⑦ Prof. Jin Seong-bae, chairman of the newly formed Hyo Jeong Academy of Arts and Sciences, gave a presentation.
- ⑧ Kim Jin-choon, spoke on the identity of True Parents as the only son and daughter of God.
- ⑨ Tyler Hendricks spoke on national restoration: pure love, True Family Values and the Cheon Il Guk Constitution.
- ⑩ Dr. Thomas Selover, the recently appointed chairman of PWPA in Korea also spoke.

Heaven's Dream and Our Dream

True Mother delivered this address on February 4 to the legislators and others attending the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace at the Lotte Hotel in Jamshil, western Seoul.

Distinguished guests, esteemed members of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace from a hundred and twenty countries, it is wonderful to see you all.

We all wish for a free world, a united, peaceful world. However, if you look at the world's current state, walls exist between religions and cultures and borders exist between countries. Nations are moving further toward selfishly putting their own benefit first, hindering the pursuit of a united world.

What happened to the wish that you and Heaven held? Originally, the true owner of the world was God. From all created things to all human beings, all belongs to God. However, humankind does not realize that. They do not understand the relationship between God and humanity.

That is why, throughout history, countless divisions and wars between nations have occurred. Nations' selfishness in pursuing only their own interests has pushed harmony and unity further away. This has been the history of civilization.

When we look at the reality of the world we live in, we worry that we will be unable to say that the future for our descendants is a hopeful one. If that is the case, for you to fulfill your responsibilities is important.



Originally, God, the Creator, made every other living thing and then made humankind's ancestors, Adam and Eve. God gave them responsibilities. Consequently, all human beings today are the result of Adam and Eve's inability to fulfill their responsibilities.

God, in human affairs

However, because of the principle of creation, God could not just sit back and watch fallen human beings. God originally had a dream for human-

kind. God wanted to be the true parent of humankind. However, humankind's ancestors, Adam and Eve, had hurt God. They thwarted God's dream. Nevertheless, God could not give up on the dream he had when creating human beings, the dream of embracing all humankind as his children.

Therefore, God developed messianism within the fallen world, so that a messiah, able to achieve God's dream and become the successful human ancestor, could come. In order to fulfill Heaven's dream, God chose a people from among those in the fallen world and prepared them for four thousand years through indemnity, restoration and education. Ultimately, after four thousand years, God was able to send his only son, the Messiah, who could fulfill his dream.

However, looking at history, we all know what happened to the only son of God. If two thousand years ago the only son, Jesus, had met the only daughter, they would have become the True Parents of all humankind. They would have realized the dream of one family under God through the great Cain-type empire, the Roman Empire.

As events transpired, the central figures around Jesus, the Israelites; that is, central people within Judaism, could not fulfill their responsibilities. Jesus had no choice but to take the



True Mother and the co-chairmen of the IAPP: Dan Burton, a retired US congressman; and Jose De Venecia, a retired speaker of the Philippine House of Representatives; in front of some of the many capable people that the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace is attracting.

way of the cross, saying he would return. Jesus said he would return and hold the marriage supper of the Lamb. Those words meant that after the two thousand years of Christian history, when the Messiah would finally come, he would find the only daughter and they would become the True Parents of all human-kind.

True Parents heal

When you look at the state of the world today, there is no center. Small nations and larger nations only think of their own interests. In our hearts, we all desire to have a united world—a peaceful happy united world—but so many walls block our way.

However today, we have gathered here under one large dream, which means that you are dreaming the same dream as True Parents are and as God, our creator is. The only path to solving all the difficult



problems of the world today is through the manifestation of the True Parents, who can heal all the problems of all nations, whether rich or poor. I am saying that all nations, all of you, must attend God, our Creator, our Heavenly Parent in your nations in order for world peace to come.



God raised True Parents through the long period of six thousand years, through the course of restoration through indemnity. True Parents are the only ones who (as the Bible says) can engraft the wild olive tree to the cultivated olive tree. It is only through that, through receiving the blessing from the True Parents, that you can stand as God's filial children.



Consider this: We who have gathered here today are in a parent-child relationship with God. You are able to be God's children, because the mistakes of our first human ancestors, which



Sun Jin Moon spoke to the IAPP participants on February 4 and thanked them for attending True Parents' birthday celebration.

Dan Burton served in the US Congress (1998–2012), retiring undefeated.

Jose De Venecia a career politician and a peace envoy who dealt with forces at war with his nation

Cho Myung-chul, a North Korean defector, was formerly a member of the South Korean National Assembly. He now heads the North Korean Human Rights Committee for the New Frontier political party.

prevented us from uniting in a parent-child relationship with God, have been rectified through indemnity.

Restore your nations

Therefore, together with the True Parents, UPF and IAPP will become the Abel UN in name and in reality. That means that all the problems of the world will heal in reality, through True Parents. This movement, of creating the kingdom of heaven on earth through educating and healing with a parental heart, is Cheon Il Guk.

I would like to say today to the members of IAPP from many nations of the world, please become tribal messiahs of your respective nations. I pray that you will become proud national messiahs who will save the people of your nations by educating them through the teachings of the substantial True Parents. Will you do that? Thank you. ㄹ

How Science Can Help Make a Truly Better World

True Mother gave the following address to those participating in the twenty-third International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences on February 4 in the Lotte Hotel in Jamshil, Seoul.



The development of modern society gave humankind abundance. However, the problem we must consider is the following: The original owner of the earth is God our Creator. God created all things in the cosmos and then created humankind. He had a dream for the first ancestors of humankind. God gave the first ancestors the responsibility to unite with him during the growth stage. The first ancestors had to absolutely unite with God. However, during the growth stage Adam and Eve developed self-centered greed. They became greedy for things that were to come later. Due to that, they became the fallen ancestors of humankind who could not unite with God and his purpose of creation. Therefore, human history of today has been heaven's hard work and humankind's effort to correct what went wrong at the beginning.

When God created the cosmos he set up the principle of circulation, so it would last for eternity. However, because of the humankind's mistakes, our beautiful earth is sick. Throughout human history, continual wars have occurred. Those who already have plenty fight to get even more. Heaven gave us religions so that God could reach and raise humankind again, but those religions lost their original purpose and are fighting, unable to unite. It can be said that the nations that created all of these problems—religious, ideological, and territorial disputes, and the even more severe problem of the violation of human rights—are large nations, which have the most. When we look at these circumstances, we have to go out and correctly testify about God.



Eminent scientists listen to True Mother speak at ICUS, which True Parents founded to tackle fundamental issues facing humanity.

Rebuilding God's family

God's dream was to become humankind's parent. He wanted to embrace humankind as his children. Even the parents of this world hope for the best for their children. They hope their children succeed. How much more would the Creator, God, hope for that? There must have been a reason that God was unable to embrace humankind. This was because human beings were unable to fulfill their responsibility. That responsibility was for humankind to be in the same position as God. Humankind would have been able to be in the same position as God if they had completed their responsibility. However humankind lost that. The omnipotent omniscient God cannot change the ideal he held at the time of the Creation. Heaven went through great effort so that someone from among humankind who understands the providence and would go through the course of indemnity would come. As it explains in the Bible, during the long period of four thousand years, through the Israelites, indemnity for all the wrongs of the individual, the family, the tribe and the nation were paid, and finally Heaven was able to send the Savior, the Messiah. The Messiah came to become the True Parent. To become the True Parent, the man had come but a woman was needed also. It had been the responsibility of Jesus' moth-

er, Mary; Zachariah's family, Judaic figures and the Israelites to prepare that environment, but they were unable to fulfill their responsibilities. If at that time, the Israelites had fulfilled their responsibilities, through the Roman Senate the world would have been embraced as one.

People with responsibilities, people who have been blessed, if they are unable to fulfill their responsibilities, indemnity will follow. Due to Satan's accusations, Jesus had to go the way of the cross, saying he would return. He said he would return to hold the marriage supper of the Lamb. What does this mean? This means he would return and absolutely become a True Parent. Fallen humankind cannot directly go before God. The Bible used this metaphor. They compared fallen humankind with the wild olive tree. It was said the wild olive tree was waiting for its owner. The owner is the True Parent. The True Parents will emerge and succeed over all indemnity. True Parents are the ones who will bless humankind and form true families, guiding them to realize the ideal God held at the time of the Creation, God's original plan.

Information scientists need

If you ask why I am speaking about this to you scientists today, it is because you must understand this. You must know heaven's secrets. You must

know God. This planet is God's. It belongs to God. Humankind must also belong to God. You have invented many things in a variety of fields so that we can enjoy abundance in the twenty-first century. However, the by-products of these inventions endanger the lives of human beings and endanger the lives of all living things in the cosmos. If there is no future for the planet, there is no future for humankind. This is the direction we are heading. We cannot ignore this and only focus on researching things that are needed right now. Due to the selfish and incorrect thinking of people, creation is suffering and is sick. If we would have followed the direction God established at the Creation—the principle of circulation—no pollution would have developed. In many ways scientific civilization caused much pollution. This is the reason I am reviving ICUS. We have to stop the threats that endanger human life and the survival of the planet. In that sense, I know that you love Heaven more than anyone else does and that you have worked with dedication in your areas of research. I am reviving ICUS because your efforts are greatly needed to create one human family centered on God, the kingdom of heaven on earth, so humankind, all 7.4 billion people, can enjoy healthy lives of freedom, unification and happiness. Thank you. 

True Parents in Cosmic History

This is a partial, edited transcript of the special lecture the FFWPU international president gave on February 2, during the Great Works in the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center.

By Sun Jin Moon



Sometimes it seems as though bridging the gap between our ideals and the reality we see around us is impossible. However, we cannot give up. The world needs what we have to offer. We have to find ways to reach the people of the world. Many times, we come up against the obstacle of how to communicate Heavenly Parent's truth to young people and other potential new members, particularly when we frequently encounter people who are either skeptical, non-religious or anti-religious. We need to reach these people as well. To do this, we need to gain more knowledge, use our creativity and develop our voice so that we can be a beacon of truth, messengers of true love and peace. We need to speak the language that people understand, by finding common ground and then moving together to higher ground. So we need to figure out how to merge awful truth with the divine truth.

Theology is important. However, we also need a wide base of knowledge. Ultimately, we need to build a culture of heart that transcends all boundaries. We need to expand our spheres of knowledge to be able to cross over and move people beyond what we currently know. Consider



Sun Jin nim urged the large, attentive crowd, "We must learn to communicate on higher and more enlightening levels to teach the world about the greatness of True Parents and Heavenly Parent."

this quotation: The culture of heart transcends the barriers of race, nation and religion; it is a society of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values based on true love."—Cham Bumo Gyeong, page 969)

I am sure you have all studied science in school, at least at a basic level. Science is important. Many people believe that science is the best method for finding truth. So what is science? In Latin, "*scientia*," means "knowledge." When I think of knowledge I think of True Father and how he would always say, we need to "Know, KNOW, not No, NO." Or he would say "Harvard!" What is Harvard? You need to KNOW True Parents and Heavenly Parent! Yet, at the same time, in his autobiography he does mention that he is so proud that five of his children graduated from Harvard. So you can see, even True Father wants us to KNOW it all.

Everything we have built, or that helps us live and understand life on earth was possible due to some form of science. Even our True Father's major field of study in school was science. He studied electrical engineering at a technical school affiliated with Waseda University, in Japan.

However, with all this knowledge and progress in the sciences, which allows us to live longer than before, have more things than ever imagined and with unlimited access, to live more conveniently and comfortably in this "click, buy, and have delivered" world, have you ever thought at what cost?

Harsh realities

This is where I give you the real news. Even if we do not like it, we must KNOW it if we are going to change the world to Heavenly Parent's ideal. Without a higher consciousness, we have pillaged the earth, introduced countless chemicals and pollutants, unleashed weapons of war and of mass destruction, and we have disturbed the balance of our lives and the natural earth. Today 60 percent of primates are going extinct and 75 percent of all other species are declining faster and faster. By 2050, our population will rise to over 9 billion, and food production will go up more than 34 percent.

What we are currently doing with GMO (genetically modified organisms), with mass monocrop farming and animal husbandry, is killing our planet even faster than are carbon fossil fuels and heavy indus-

try. It is simply an unsustainable and dire situation. If our needs increase by 34 percent, just imagine how much more polluted the world will be.

No one can deny the truth that more and more of our air is toxic. The water, the oceans and the coral reefs are poisoned and acidifying. The range of plant species going extinct each year can be from 10–10,000 and by 2050 it could be up to 60,000 extinct plant species. The oceans will rise by more than six meters, (twenty feet) at the current pace, by 2050. Twenty-six US coastal cities will be in crisis due to rising sea levels.

The small island nation of Kiribati is facing the complete submersion of its land. Sunhak Peace Prize laureate Anote Tong of Kiribati [president 2003–2016] is trying to awaken the world to this crisis that is only going to expand if we do not change the way we live.

"Super" is no longer an A+ or a great word. We are already seeing news headlines day to day on "super storms, super floods, super bugs, super viruses, and the super wrath of climate change, which is undeniably growing each second on a greater scale with no "Superman" to save the day.



Sun Jin nim and In Sup nim are excellent intermediaries, conveying True Parents' love to members and helping members reach out to others and testify about True Parents.

Let's broaden our minds

Why am I telling you all these scientific facts? Because we can no longer not know what is happening in our world. We must know and gain more knowledge to reach the 7.3 billion people in the world and enlighten them about Heavenly Parent and True Parents. True Parents, and now especially True Mother, are bringing all these issues to light and actually investing their entire foundation to save the world at this time. True Mother, for the past four and a half years since True Father's seonghwa, has been the pioneer, publicly raising awareness of the need to save the earth. She does this because she wants to leave a legacy of peace, happiness and love, for future generations.

She created the Sunhak Peace Prize and educated all our media outlets to report on the truth of Godism and head-wing philosophy, in order to save the earth and bring about one

family under God. True Father, in his autobiography and in countless speeches, warned us that a world that did not love and respect nature would be doomed and cannot know God's heart.

Now more than ever, no one can deny the ecological disasters happening right before our eyes. We get "fine dust level" reports every day in Korea and are told by the news outlets to stay indoors and wear masks; children nowadays cannot go out to play in pure clean nature. This saddens our True Parents deeply. That is why they are worrying night and day for the sake of future generations.

Therefore, True Mother knows the greatest work is to save the world by teaching the truth of True Parents and Heavenly Parent, waking humanity from unconsciousness, denial and NOs, to consciousness, action and to KNOWing the path of true love and living for the sake of others.

This is why at this time True Par-

ents are doing the greatest work ever. They have invited esteemed world leaders and brothers and sisters from all over the globe who will be participating in the series of events in honor of True Parents' birthday and Foundation Day. These include the World Summit 2017 and the inaugural IAPP World Assembly, sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation, the Sunhak Peace Prize Award Ceremony, the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS), which True Mother is reconvening because she knows that human misuse of science and technology contributed to these problems and that this situation must be resolved. Scientists must help find solutions to relieve and reverse the reality of our suffering on earth and the effects of climate change.

In addition, we will have the Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly and the Great Works and youth programs, all of which True Mother spearheaded in order to bring the world closer



After she had finished speaking, Sun Jin nim introduced her husband, who read hoondokhae, by saying, "I asked my loving husband to give this united speech with me so we can unite as one, in the spirit of Cheon Il Guk."

together as one global human family, to save the creation and to educate the world about the significance of Heavenly Parent's dream and the victory of True Parents. Isn't our True Mother amazing!

When did God create us?

This culture of heart, this love you have, are the greatest works in all of human history. All of you are the filial sons or daughters of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. You are the sons and daughters that Heavenly Parent has yearned for since the beginning of time. Yet does anyone know how long ago that was, that beginning of time? What do you think True Father would say? Should we "know" how long Heavenly Parent prepared and yearned for the day that True Parents would be born, blessed and give birth to a family that would open the era of completion and bring liberation for all humankind and creation? Should we KNOW?

The answer is that Heavenly Parent has painstakingly worked and longed for 13.8 billion years for True Parents' birthday, their holy blessing and the birth of the true family and of blessed central families who multiply peace and joy on earth. Can you imagine waiting 13.8 billion years? Shouldn't we know the course and effort Heavenly Parent went through to unite our True Parents as one? This is how science can help us understand God's heart. Do you want to know God's heart? [Yes!] Great! I have a video clip, showing a modern method that gives us a glimpse of Heavenly Parent's hard work to create this universe and have his dream come true. [Video]

Visualizing the universe's chronology

Wow! Isn't that just amazing? The blew me away when I saw this, because it was the first time I could understand God's jeongseong and artistry in creating the perfect home,

the garden of Eden, where life could begin, thrive and bring him joy. It took him 13.8 billion years. When mapped as a cosmic calendar (CC) in correlation with our twelve-month calendar, we have a simpler way to understand and chart this amazing history.

We learned that all things created in the universe are all made of "star stuff." We have carbon in our muscles, iron in our blood, calcium in our bones. When we gaze in wonder at the awesome beauty of the moon and stars in the night sky and the infinite space beyond, we are witnessing our ancestors. When we breathe the air from all the plants and trees, we are drinking in O₂. Everything that we eat is all energy and life that sprang forth from creation and nature. While we are at it, we should thank Heavenly Parent as well for creating our sun on August 31 of the C.C. Without sunshine, life, that is, we, would not be here.



Thousands of people, young and old alike, were treated to new perspective on God's providence, as our international president covered 13.8 billion years of the providence to restore the world and the human family that our Heavenly Parent intended.

The atmosphere, life small to large, from the oceans to amphibians, to myriad land and air species, all life was created to sustain our lives. Consider even the sacrifice of the dinosaurs. They were struck down because of a nudge of an asteroid one inch to the left that sent it colliding with our earth on December 30 CC, thereby allowing for smaller species, including our own, to thrive. On that last day, December 31, 9:45 pm of the CC, our human ancestors looked up from the ground and stood tall, and humanity began. At 11:59 PM, the last minute of the CC, we began cave painting, using astronomy to chart the stars, learned to hunt and farm and began to settle.

It was not until six thousand years ago, just fourteen seconds before midnight on the last day before New Year's on the CC, that humans began to write the recorded history we know today. In terms of religious history, we see that Moses lived at 7 seconds on the last day of CC. At 6 seconds, Buddha; at 5 seconds, Jesus; at 3 seconds, Mohammad; and True

Parents (Remember I'm not an astrophysicist) in the last second somewhere before the clock strikes midnight to ring in the New Year on the CC. Isn't that surreal?

It is amazing how in the last few seconds, Heavenly Parent sent all his saints and saviors, and True Parents completed and were victorious in that last second of creation. When we see the creation of the cosmos in this light, thanks to science, we finally begin to understand our Heavenly Parent's heart and longing for True Parents for 13.8 billion years.

Yet what if I told you this is only the introduction, the tip of the iceberg, so to say? Would you want to know more?

Cham Bumo Gyeong

I know when I was writing this speech my brain was exhausted but my spirit was moved and excited, so much so that I could not stop doing hoondokhae for two straight weeks, continuously reading Cham Bumo Gyeong to find the right readings that explained this amazing truth about

our True Parents and the liberation of Heavenly Parent's heart.

By the end, I had gone through all of Cham Bumo Gyeong and could not see which passage to select, because it was all too precious; each page almost had a tab. With editing help, we managed to narrow it down to a few special ones, which we will get to.

In the last second before midnight on the CC, True Parents were gloriously born, blessed in holy matrimony on April 11, 1960, and True Mother gave birth to fourteen children in a twenty-year course. Miraculous! They became True Parents and became creative of new life, just like our Heavenly Parent.

True Parents' oneness

True Father's DNA merged as one with True Mother's to create our lives. This shows the clip of all life emerging from the ocean like Heavenly Parent's womb. Watching it reminded me of how True Mother has said her life is much like the ocean. I cannot imagine her course of giving birth to fourteen children, but if it is anything like the



ocean video, what a wondrous act of creation, fourteen times over!

So when I think about creation, I can imagine True Parents combined DNA communicating the code of life to each cell. When I think of mother, for nine months, awaiting each child and having four children consecutively by cesarean birth, it is a miracle. We all grew in True Mother's womb. None of us can deny the miracle of our True Parents. It would be like having to cut our own body in two to try to separate their DNA. Their complete oneness made us whole. This is truly a miracle.

My elder sister

Like the creation of our earth, I see her sacrifice as an offering to restore all of the creation of the cosmos back to God. She gave birth to fourteen children, which is like the 13.8 billion years of the CC. It was just short of being fourteen, because Hye-Jin onni passed away in infancy. Her life could not progress to adulthood.

It wasn't until after True Mother's recent tour in Japan [November 2016]

that I even knew anything about my elder sister. Yet it was during True Mother's visit in Japan, at the now famous "You Are My Sunshine" bridge and tunnel site, that we went to a rest stop gift shop to buy, as gifts, these cute little Eastern astrology dolls with fortunes.

I had all thirteen family members matched with their astrological sign, but I could not complete the whole fourteen-member True Family set. So I brought twelve signs extra with the intention of asking True Mother later about which was Hye-jin onni's sign. True Mother said she was born a year before In Jin onni, which was the year of the dragon, just as I was. For years, I thought I was the only dragon in the family. But, now, I had a partner, my elder sister, born in Korea.

I didn't even know this history about my own family until I was forty. I will never forget this joyous moment with True Mother, when we completed the True Family Eastern astrology statue set. I was so happy to share such an intimate family moment with our True Mother. She had never spoken of Hye-jin onni before but it made me think how much heartache she must have felt losing a child in infancy.

When I see this picture of how True Mother looked over our family statues gift, I think the picture speaks for itself. All I see is the pure unconditional love of the greatest mother in the cosmos. So I want to share this special picture with all of you.

True Mother's autobiography

There is so much history that we do not know yet, because True Mother's autobiography has not yet come out. All we know is one-half of the complete whole. I begged True Mother; please write your autobiography, with your own voice, so we can all know our complete history. She smiled and said not to worry, True Mother is going to complete everything with True Father and offer it to Heavenly Parent. We had such a moving family moment with True Mother. I told True Mother that she gave birth to a miracle and that no one can comprehend the depth of her divine life.

I said we must all unite as one family and meet our True Father, Hyo Jin oppa, Hye Jin onni, Heung Jin

oppa and Young Jin and all our ancestors in the spirit world, just like this complete miraculous family statue set. True Mother said, "Yes! We must go to heaven as one complete family." I cried for days thinking about this.

Mother of the cosmos

I believe True Father guided me to watch this Cosmos video. Heavenly Parent's painstaking love for all creation moved me. When my tears dried away, all that remained was my excitement to tell True Mother about this video. I explained how Heavenly Parent took 13.8 billion years to give birth to the cosmos! I said, "True Mother, you gave birth fourteen times (13.8) in your twenty-year course. You restored not only Eve, but all life in the universe since the beginning of time, the complete alpha and omega."

She smiled and said that is why you need to understand True Parents' history and know that True Parents are divinely connected to Heavenly Parent. Everything True Parents do has such divine meaning. We do not yet KNOW everything, so we must learn.

So, please go study and teach the world about all that True Parents have given you. All the knowledge you need is in the holy books and you will learn it all through daily hoondokhae. Then you must do your portion of responsibility and teach the world. "Teach about the cosmos?" I asked, and she said, "Teach it all and do not stop until the rest of humanity KNOWS Heavenly Parent and True Parents!"

True Parents brought all of us together as blessed central family members, and FFWPU members. We may know something about their works during their lifetimes, but if we really research our hearts and the cosmos there is so much more depth and truth to True Parents' hearts and dream than we are fully aware of. Therefore, we must have continuous education, for we do not KNOW everything and we must learn to communicate on higher and more enlightening levels to teach the world about the greatness of True Parents and Heavenly Parent. 

The full transcript is available with registration at familyfedihq.org.

The Providential Significance of the Fourth Anniversary of Foundation Day

THE DREAM OF OUR HEAVENLY PARENT AND TRUE PARENTS: THE KINGDOM OF OUR HEAVENLY PARENT, THE COSMIC NATION OF PEACE AND UNITY

T rue Father and True Mother, the son and daughter of our Heavenly Parent, became the True Parents of humankind through their Holy Wedding. Since the Holy Wedding, our True Parents as God's embodiment have attended our Heavenly Parent and taken the providential course in order to establish our Heavenly Parent's kingdom on earth and in heaven. Following the Fall of the first ancestors of humankind, a self-centered culture characterized by war, conflict, antagonism and fighting emerged both in the spirit world and on earth. History has thus been the providence to save humankind from this hellish reality.

Through the marriage blessing, True Parents established fallen people in the position of children able to inherit our Heavenly Parent's true love, true life and true lineage and thus brought them salvation. Moreover, as society became smitten with ideologies such as atheistic communism, hedonism and the superficial ideology of capitalism, True Parents launched the unification movement transcending denominations, religions, national borders, race and



The key turning point in our Heavenly Parent's effort to restore the ideal world, True Parents' Holy Wedding on April 11, 1960

culture, in order to bring about revolutionary change of society into a peaceful ideal world. This providential course is being carried out in order to realize the ideal of one family of humankind under our Heavenly Parent and for the sake of God's kingdom, the Cosmic Nation of Peace and Unity (Cheon Il Guk).

THE TWELVE-YEAR PROVIDENTIAL COURSE TO BUILD THE HEAVENLY PARENT'S NATION, THE COSMIC NATION OF PEACE AND UNITY

F ollowing their Holy Wedding, True Parents completed the providence of restoration through indemnity through their forty-year course (1960–2000). Going beyond the Old Testament Age, the New Testament Age and the Completed Testament Age, they have ushered in a providential era in which people can separate from their fallen nature, and the model of God's original ideal of Creation can expand. For this reason, in 2001, True Parents proclaimed a twelve-year course to establish Cheon Il Guk and took the path of investing every ounce of their strength at the risk of their lives in the effort to the complete the providence.

THE FORMATION STAGE COURSE (2001–2004)

T he twelve-year course to establish Cheon Il Guk unfolded based on three orderly four-year providential courses. During the formation-stage four-year course, True Parents conducted the Coronation of God's Kingship (January 13, 2001), the Enthronement of the Parent of the Cosmos and the Parents of Heaven and Earth Who Reign over the Blessed Families as the King and



Queen of Peace and Unity (February 6, 2003), the Coronation of True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace of the first, second, third and fourth Israels (2003–2004) and the Coronation of True Parents as the King and Queen of Peace on the levels of tribe, nation and world (August 21–December 31, 2004).

They restored kingship of our Heavenly Parent, and on the tribal, people, national and global foundation of the mainstream providence of human history, they proclaimed the sovereignty of Cheon Il Guk. Establishing all of humankind as the citizens of Cheon Il Guk, they completed the blessing of giving the Holy Wine and have been constantly giving training and education.

GROWTH STAGE COURSE

During the growth stage four-year course (2005–2008), they held the Coronation of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind as the King and Queen of Peace for Uniting Heaven and Earth (February 14, 2005). They founded the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) and heralded the advent of the era of the Abel UN (September 12, 2005). They hosted the Cheon Jeong Gung Entrance Ceremony and Coronation of the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and on Earth (June 13, 2006) and the Hawaii King Garden Corona-



- ① The Coronation Ceremony for the King of Queen of Peace of the Second and Third Israels, March 23, 2004, in the formation stage (2001–2004) of building Heavenly Parent's nation, Cheon Il Guk
- ② Enthronement of the Parent of the Cosmos and the Parents of Heaven and Earth Who Reign over the Blessed Families as the King and Queen of Peace and Unity on February 6, 2003

tion Ceremony (March 13, 2007). They began the “Realm of Liberation Education in Our Portion of the Responsibility in God’s Providential History,” and devoted their efforts to raising people in the original image of God’s ideal.

After establishing the “Abel UN,” True Parents reorganized global governance, and centered on the House of Unification for World Peace and Unification, they opened the era of “daily life governance” on the foundation of the Principle. Furthermore, they proclaimed the Peace Messages, and published *Pyeonghwa Hoongyeong* and *Pyeonghwa Shingyeong*, and on the foundation of the embodiment of the word, they fulfilled the True Family’s responsibility through education in the word on a global tour undertaken by three generations—True Parents, True Children and True Grandchildren. Through this, they established a model national and global system moving in the direction of Cheon Il Guk.

COMPLETION STAGE COURSE (2009–2012)

During the completion stage course (2009–2012), True Parents celebrated the Coronation of God, the King of All Kings, with the Authority of His Liberation (January 15 and 31, 2009), published *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen* (March

7, 2009), and conducted the Coronation for the Settlement of the Abel UN and the Golden Wedding Ceremony (3.16 by the heavenly calendar, 2010). They held the proclamation rally for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind Who as God’s Embodiment Proclaim the Word; and held the Cosmic Assemblies for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind Who as God’s Embodiment Proclaim the Word.

True Parents, as the embodiment of God’s word, opened the era of the humanity’s education. They concluded, completed and consummated the ultimate providential portion of responsibility, and in front of the blessed families and all humankind, decreed that all should complete the heavenly tribal messiah mission. By the day that he departed this earthly life, True Father had fulfilled the mission of the Savior, Messiah, returning Lord and True Parent of humankind, and left behind the words, “I have completed everything.” On September 3, 2012 (7.17 by the heavenly calendar) he ascended to the heavenly realms.

THE DECLARATION OF FOUNDATION DAY AND THE PROVIDENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

Following True Father’s seonghwa (ascension), he continued his work to prepare for Foundation Day. True Mother said, “True Father is always together with us from the spirit world,” and resolutely declared that we would continue our mission without ceasing. True Parents be-



queathed the tradition and values that they had established as the embodiment of the word and instructed a new beginning toward a new vision of the providence. Through inheriting and passing on the tradition, fulfilling the ideal of the blessed family, accomplishing the tribal messiah mission, and realizing the community of harmony and unity based on heart, they set off on a course of utmost devotion.

True Mother, in attendance of our Heavenly Parent and True Father in the spirit world, victoriously concluded the twelve-year providential course, which began from the Coronation of God's Kingship, to build Cheon Il Guk. On that basis, on 1.13 by the heavenly calendar (February 22, 2013) the first day of the founding year of Cheon Il Guk, True Father in the spirit world and True Mother on earth, in attendance of Heavenly Parent, celebrated Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day, which declared the beginning of Cheon Il Guk throughout heaven and earth. Through the Cheon Il Guk Enthronement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, which had been held before Foundation Day, the Lord and Lady of Truth, Holiness and Virtue ascended to their throne, opening

- ❶ The Cheon Jeong Gung Entrance Ceremony and Coronation of the King and Queen of Peace in Heaven and on Earth on June 13, 2006, during the Growth Stage Course (2005–2008)
- ❷ Coronation for the Settlement of the Abel UN and the Golden Wedding Ceremony, April 29, 2010, during the Completion Stage Course (2009–2012)
- ❸ On February 22, 2013, True Father in the spirit world and True Mother on earth celebrated Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day with all of us.

Heavenly Parent's nation, Cheon Il Guk.

From that day on, all humankind, attending Heavenly Parent as the vertical True Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind as the horizontal True Parents, connected as brothers and sisters, can enjoy life in an ideal world of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values. The hope True Parents have nurtured throughout their lives has borne fruit on earth and in heaven. A new history of the ideal of humankind as one family under our Heavenly Parent will prosper and thrive.

However, Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day could not be proclaimed on the foundation of the substantial restoration of a nation. In attendance of Heavenly Parent, and on the foundation of True Parents' successful

completion of their portion of responsibility, Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day was indeed proclaimed. Yet the Cheon Il Guk that can give rebirth to all blessed families and all humankind and citizens of Cheon Il Guk has not yet been established. Because of this, True Father in the spirit world and True Mother on earth, on the standard of having proclaimed the substantial sovereignty of Cheon Il Guk, and in order for blessed families to accomplish the restoration of sovereignty and the substantial settlement and prosperity of Cheon Il Guk, newly proclaimed Vision 2020 and declared a seven-year course from 2013 to 2020.

VISION 2020 AND THE FIFTH YEAR OF CHEON IL GUK VISION 2020 AND THE THREE-YEAR COURSE

2020 is a providentially important year in which the substantial settlement of Cheon Il Guk is achieved. We would have celebrated True Father's hundredth birthday and will celebrate True Mother's seventy-seventh birthday in that year. That year also marks the sixtieth anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding. Until that day, the Family Federation

for World Peace and Unification must work to substantiate Cheon Il Guk beyond its mere establishment, to the point where it has settled and is thriving. We must substantially inherit True Parents' victorious life course and revolutionize the world so that it becomes Heavenly Parent's kingdom.

True Mother presented the ideal of Vision 2020 to humankind and following True Father's Cosmic Seonghwa (ascension ceremony) Mother personally offered conditions of official mourning for three years. In attendance of Heavenly Parent and True Father in the heavenly realms, Mother expressed hyojeong (filial heart), the standard of the perfection of heart, which is the path that all people must tread. Representing all humankind, who are in the position of children in front of True Father, True Mother personally watched over the *Bonhyangwon* (Father's grave). The special conditions of mourning that she offered are symbolic of the profoundest filial heart that seeks to find all the people of the world as the children of the Heavenly Parent, our Creator.

All people, following the path of hyojeong (filial heart), which True Father in the spirit world and True Mother on earth have laid down, will mature the heart of a child, heart of a sibling, heart of a husband or wife, and heart of a parent, and will take the path to perfection as Heavenly Parent's children.

Moreover, during the three-year course we have followed, True Parents bequeathed their heart of filial piety to all people, and have organized and maintained the Cheon Il Guk system. In moving forward, they have published the three Holy Scriptures of Cheon Il Guk (Cheon Seong Gyeong, Pyeong Hwa Gyeong and Chambumo Gyeong) and promulgated the Cheon Il Guk Constitution for the sake of completing the settlement of Cheon Il Guk in substance. They have established the Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council and the five organs of Cheon Il Guk, and they have created the means of education, study opportunities and scholarships for raising capable new leaders.

True Parents attend Heavenly Parent as their Parent, according to the original ideal of creation, and in

the world of the restored garden of Eden they have pursued the ideal of peace and unity and have declared a revolution of the culture of heart.

THE COURSE OF HOPE FOR THE CURRENT 4 YEARS AND THE 5TH YEAR OF CHEON IL GUK

True Parents' births should have occurred on a national-level foundation. However, although Christianity had a global foundation it was unable to fulfil that responsibility. I must accomplish this while I am still on earth. If we can restore all the strategic nations and providential nations by 2020 it would be good, but we must restore at least seven nations.

(True Mother, November 16, 2015)

In welcoming the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk and on the foundation of three years of offering conditions in mourning, True Mother embarked on a four-year course for which "hope" was the central concept. Mother has spoken to us of firmly settling Cheon Il Guk through substantial national restoration, such that we can attend Heavenly Parent and True Parents until the accomplishment of Vision 2020, and she presented to us the concrete goals of "witnessing," "creating a witnessing environment," and "raising people of talent and ability."

For the task of witnessing, Mother bestowed on us the mission of heavenly tribal messiahs, by which all blessed families throughout the world will witness to and raise 430 couples. In resemblance of True Parents, heavenly tribal messiahs will conduct a blessing movement and campaign in a substantial way. We must also prepare the internal foundation to nurture Cheon Il Guk citizens and restore God's substantial sovereignty in the world.

In order to prepare and create an environment for witnessing, True Mother founded the International Parliamentarians Association for Peace (IAPP). Moreover, through establishing the Sunhak Peace Prize, we are standing in the forefront of the work to realize a world of peace. Through the World Summit conference and the twenty-third International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS), which has begun holding conferences again after a

hiatus of seventeen years, True Parents are guiding the providence to create an environment for witnessing for the sake of national restoration.

In addition, through providential organizations such as the Hyojeong Global Unification Foundation, the Sunhak Peace Prize, the Hyojeong Academy of the Arts and Sciences, the Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Fund, the Universal Peace Federation, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the Hyojeong Cultural Center, and the World Mission Strategy Center, and based on many and various fields such as economics, science and the arts, scholarship, politics, the women's movement, and culture, True Mother has opened the way for a peace movement for the building of Cheon Il Guk. True Parents, as the embodiment of the word, are expanding Cheon Il Guk to the world and have established the necessary tools and effective operational foundation for that purpose.

Now the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) is welcoming the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk. In keeping with True Parents' governance of the providence, we must effectively expand the work to "witness," to "create the witnessing environment," and to "raise people of talent and ability." True Parents are advocating the creation of the CheonJi Sunhakwon museum, which will carry exhibits based on True Parents' lives and work as the embodiment of the word, and thus present True Parents as the model for our life. In keeping with the need to nurture and inspire people of ability for the sake of the future, we will need to systematize the cultivation of human resources in Cheon Il Guk; and the Sunhak Global Foundation must seek ways to lend its support. Moreover, in order to accomplish Vision 2020, we must expand the movement to settle Cheon Il Guk in the thirteen FFWPU administrative regions.

We must inherit "The Light of Hyojeong (filial heart)" that True Parents have personally bestowed. The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) must rise up as the hope of the world and create the peaceful, ideal world of Cheon Il Guk on our beautiful planet Earth. ☯

2017 True family



Standing left to right: Shin Bok nim (Ye Jin nim's son); Shin Chul nim (Hyo-jin nim's son); Hwa Yun nim (Kwon Jin nim's wife); Hoon Sook nim (Heung Jin nim's wife); Jan nim (Yeon Jin nim's husband); Yeon Jin nim, Ye Jin nim, Kwon Jin nim, Sun Jin nim, Jeung Jin nim, Yeon Ah nim (Hyo Jin nim's wife) In Sup nim (Sun Jin nim's husband) Shin Myung nim (In Jin nim's son) Shin Heung nim (Hyo Jin nim's son) **Seated left to right,** (Hyo Jin nim's daughters with True Mother: Shin Soon nim, Shin Yuh nim, Shin Whul nim and Krista nim (Shin Myung nim's wife)

photograph



The Coronation for the Kingship of God

True Parents officiated the Coronation for the Kingship of God on January 13, 2001, at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. True Parents had arrived three days earlier to direct the preparations, taking an interest in every detail. Two separate offering tables with ornate chairs were prepared on a tiered stage—an upper one for God and one for True Parents below. Teams of people stayed up through the night to arrange everything perfectly. Four thousand family members filled the main auditorium and an equal or greater number filled other rooms and hallways. Music heralded the start of the ceremony just before 7:00 AM. A hundred and twenty couples, eighty of them Adam-nation national messiahs, lined the sides of the center aisle in robes of light and dark pink. True Father spoke at great length, praying several times and then continuing to speaking. What follows is but a short portion of his speech that day.





Opposite page: True Parents lead the final cheer at the conclusion of the long, intricate ceremony; *Above:* True Parents during one of the prayers amidst the Coronation for the Kingship of God; Especially significant for members at every level is the portion of this speech where Father explains three points we must never violate.

What are we celebrating today? [God's coronation] Who conducted the coronation? [True Parents] Can True Parents do this by themselves? We can hold this ceremony because all the people on earth and in heaven received blessings and form a homogeneous nation.

Therefore, to do that, religions from Judaism, to the second Israel, centered on Christianity, to Korea, went through the realm of the first, second and third Israel and the Old Testament, New Testament and Completed Testament eras. The Completed Testament is the era of the blessing of everyone. Because of the Fall, committed by our human ancestors, the creation God had made in the beginning could not remain in the realm of blessing. God taught people by establishing numerous religions, leading them through the salvation providence and raising them gradually to the Completed Testament era.

The people of the peripheral religions were unaware of this. Only

Judaism and Christianity paved the road of serving God as our Father. In Adam and Eve's failed history, God could love the bloodline of only one son born on earth.

Jesus' lonely course

The eldest son was born. Although the son was born, God's only daughter did not appear. God struggled greatly throughout the four-thousand-year history of salvation. One could say that God created Adam again. After making Adam, God created Eve as Adam's counterpart. God created Eve by imitating Adam, applying the same principle and blueprint used when creating Adam. The Bible says that God created Eve using Adam's rib. This means that God used Adam's core to create Eve. God found his only son through the direct lineage of love, but did not find his only daughter. After finding Eve, God would have restored fallen history through a family. God prepared Jacob, twelve tribes (which we think of as the chosen people) and Israel,

to establish a nation. Jacob's twelve children gained ground and expanded the extent of victory. This was the state of Israel and Judaism until Jesus' advent.

Jesus' environment

Israel was external and Cain-like, while Judaism was internal and Abel-like. The choice of the mother would have come on the foundation of Cain and Abel. After that, by serving Jesus, Israel and Judaism would unite as Cain and Abel. Then, centering on the blessed family, the establishment of a clan and nation would have followed. Nobody can deny this. Even though Rome dominated the world, it would have been no match for this. External things are like flesh, while internal things are like bones. Flesh cannot defeat bones. Centering on Israel of two thousand years ago, they would have achieved unity of all nations and the liberation of God. Nevertheless, because Jesus could not form a family by restoring Eve, destruction befell Israel and all that had been prepared.



The majestic site of True Parents moving solemnly down an aisle formed by elders in pink, whose faith and love for True Parents has been steadfast for years, while beyond them stand members in white, witnesses to a ceremony significant to all human beings on earth, all spirits in the spiritual world and to our Heavenly Parent as well

The loss of Israel

Because the foundation of people was lost, Israel perished, and in the seventh century, Islam emerged among the central people. Muslims were brothers but became adversaries. Ishmael and Isaac were direct descendants of Abraham, but they became enemies and fought throughout history. They fought centering on Jerusalem, and Israel was lost.

If Cain and Abel had achieved peace in Jesus' time, resolution would have come to the history of war between the left wing and right wing on the national level on earth and in the spirit world. As it happened, because Israel, the prepared nation, failed, Christianity became the second Israel. Because Jesus lost his body, Christianity representing the spirit world, expanded its influence worldwide.

Post-World War II

After World War II, Christian culture unified the world. By unifying the world, the era in which the mind and body can become one arrived. Satan was completely conquered. Restoration of the allied nations and opposing nations to God could have occurred. Centering on this foundation, if Catholics and Protestants had united representing Christian culture and welcomed the Second Advent of

the Messiah, the world would have united by 1952, seven years after 1945. The coronation for the kingship of God would have taken place at that time.

God cannot intervene

Who can bring order to the world? God could not interfere with the Fall as it occurred in the garden of Eden. Further, God could not interfere with Satan's marriage. Likewise even in the Last Days, God has no possibility of intervening. If one is sick, one cannot survive without eliminating the root source of the disease. Since false love, false life and false parents came into being, True Parents have to reject these and restore love, life and lineage through indemnity.

Spiritual life or death

What does it mean when one says, "Those who seek death will live"? Until the indemnity is complete, those who live in the world of death and who walk to the edge of death with the spirit and energy to say, "Even if I die, I will still have the energy to live," will live. For those who find death sad and fearful and who therefore run away, resurrection is not possible. That is why the Bible says that those who seek death... [will live!] and those who seek life... [will die!]. That does not sound too good.

What about God? What if God takes the position of seeking death? He will live. If God seeks to live, there is no consummation. What about me? It is the same. If I decide to live, I will die. What if I seek death? [You will live!] That is the case.

Do you think about whether Reverend Moon of the Unification Church thinks about being the Messiah or a True Parent? If I did, I would die every day. What do you think? If we seek death, a huge commotion would occur everywhere, every day. Nonetheless, to say we should seek death, even in the environment where it is not possible makes sense.

What do you think of those who want to enter the kingdom of heaven? Is it the same for them? [Yes, the same] Because I wore a heavy crown this morning, my head hurts, so please answer quickly! In order for him to save even one man, even God must go through circumstances of death. He must throw down a rope and pull up the one who has fallen off the cliff, with all his might. For God and us to live, we must have that standard.

You should surpass God

God has gone through death so many times. Those who want to go to the kingdom of heaven must be able to go through such hardships. In the end, God must tire out before you. Who is

older, God or you? God is the older. We must cling to the rope and reach the highest ground. How difficult would this be? By the time we make it to the top by climbing up the rope, God will collapse from the exertion. Then what should we do? Should we carry him on our backs and take him to the hospital? If there is no hospital, we must do whatever we can on our own to save him. We can pray, or we can go over the hill of suffering.

Parents sacrifice for children

Who is the Messiah and Savior? Should he relax and enjoy life, or should he go through suffering so that God can rest? Can a person who enjoys life and allows God to die as a result be the Messiah? So, if I suffer, should Unification Church members play around and enjoy life? Should people who play around go to the kingdom of heaven or to hell? [Hell] Life and death are at hand, and they just want to live comfortable lives. We should say that we would all die together. If we do, we all can live. A person should not say that only he should live.

If it is certain, absolutely, that a father would willingly give his life to his son, that son must follow that father to the end. If he does not, in the end they will separate. If the father wants to die and the son wants to live, what will happen? Will they separate or not? If the father's act is different from the son's act, it becomes a hellish act. The grandson born through that kind of son would not even come to his grandfather to give him a kiss.

Among Unification Church members, does anyone want to suffer more than I have? Western members in particular must desire to receive more persecution than I have. Did you come here to go sightseeing? Or did you come here to listen to me and go through a suffering course?

The centrality of bloodline

What is today's topic? The coronation of God's kingship. The speech before the coronation is finished now. No matter what, you must go the way of suffering. You must learn what the course for you is after God's coronation. The problem is lineage. Say "pit-chul" [pit-chul] What does it mean in English? Bloodline, say bloodline. [Bloodline]



The ceremony complete, True Father and True Mother delight members with their harmonious interaction as they celebrate in the presence of God the success of another milestone in Heaven's providence.

That is what is most important. Kingship is not important. Parenthood is not important. Society and government are not important. School is not important. The many nations of the world still belong to Satan and not God. From now on, whether you like it or not and no matter how you look at it, whether you are an oriental, a westerner or a black person, you must listen to me, because you are having a lot of trouble. You decided not to stand in a place of difficulty. Today you decided to stand with me, and your determination should not change. You must have affection....

Three crucial points

You should not follow your bodily desires—my body, my body Even if my body bursts into tears, you should just be grateful. Why tears? If you do not want to die, pray to be willing to die. Jesus went the same way. From now, you have to abide by an immutable law, even to the point of dying. This is the law: One must not stain the bloodline.

The second point is not to infringe upon human rights due to a mistake in the area of personnel management. Male or female, black or white, everyone is equal. One must not discriminate or violate human rights. For this reason, the leaders of the Unification Church have convened here. Regional

leader status or national messiah status does not mean that you have the right to change someone's position according to your own desire.

Many people exist whose ancestors are better in nature than the regional leaders' and national messiahs' ancestors. Hence, I hesitate to move people around. When I do, however, I select from the highest level. Do not infringe upon human rights. Wherever I go, I do not discriminate against black people or those who did not complete college. The person who has true love, recognizes human rights in the correct way and possesses love for the sake of others is in the mainstream. The creation of heaven and earth began from that point. I cannot forgive the act of diluting and squandering this main current of thought. This is the second of all sins.

The third point is to refrain from stealing public money. I mean do not use public funds to fulfill selfish desires. These are three types of sin; of those who go to jail, at least 70 percent go for this reason. Will you understand this only after incarceration? Human rights infringement and lineage violation are problems concerning men and women. Then come the money problems. Following these are problems dealing with power. Money, knowledge and power have predominated. 

Gathering to Celebrate the Start of the New Year

True Mother gave this speech at Cheon Jeong Gung on January 3 to a group of leaders, including regional leaders who had flown in from the mission field.



A year has ended and a new year has begun, the year of the red rooster. Twenty-four days remain in this year on the heavenly calendar, but the coming year is the year of the red rooster. They say the rooster lets us know when the time has arrived. Time... In light of that, what is the very first thing we, FFWPU, must find so we can realize Heaven's providence, Heavenly Parent's dream, True Parents' dream and humanity's dream?

Heaven's struggle and efforts to reach fallen humankind is indescribable. I spoke of this earlier, but under the name, "chosen people," after the long period of four thousand years, with great difficulty, God sent his only son, Jesus Christ, whom God could connect to. Heaven worked hard to send his only son and to create an environment in which the son could fulfill his responsibilities. I have said this before, but the providential central figures must have absolute faith and absolute obedience in order to receive Heaven's will. However, when looking at Jesus, in the end, the people around him could not fulfill their responsibilities.

Catastrophic history

At that time, a nation for the Israelites was just about to form under the Roman Empire; that was the contemporaneous situation of the Israelites. If they had attended Jesus, had been immediately aware of Heaven's providence and fulfilled their responsibilities, a homeland for the Israelites, the chosen people, would have come into



True Mother, assisted by Sun Jin nim, cuts the cake.



being. However all of that was swept away. The Israelites could not fulfill their responsibilities and had to go through an indescribable course of indemnity. Even if I do not speak of it here, you are all well aware of it.

The vow to return

As Jesus was dying on the cross, he said he would come again. He also said he would come back to the hold the marriage supper of the Lamb. At that time, Jesus, who had not been able to act in the capacity of a True Parent, said he would return to achieve that. Thus, the Christian providence is the providence to find the only daughter of God to be the counterpart to the God's only son. Do you understand? However, Christians today are unaware of this.

Korea, in the providence

The environment for the returning Lord is the same. Heaven chose the Korean people to create the foundation for the only daughter of God. After raising these people for about two thousand years, Korea's liberation ended the monarchy, and the age of one person as a ruler making decisions ended. The US Constitution is a model of democracy, of the people, for the people and by the people. This is the basis of democracy. Heaven raised this nation [Korea] to be a nation that can greet the returning Lord. That foundation existed so that Christians, those in the Christian cultural sphere, would recognize the returning Lord. They must be prepared to greet the returning Lord. Only then, can this



True Mother first spoke in a Cheon Jeong Gung lecture hall to the hundreds of leaders about 2017 objectives.



nation form the national foundation and stand in front of True Parents, the returning Lord, as Heaven's chosen people in deed as well as in name.

Look ahead

What you must think about today is that only three years remain until 2020, for which we have made goals. But do you have confidence in national restoration? Are you confident? Your answer is weak. With our current system and in our current circumstance, you cannot say it with confidence. Then, for the new year, as we greet the year of the red rooster in which the rooster tells us the time has come, what are our responsibilities for national restoration? Do you not understand what your responsibilities are?

You must inform all the people of this nation that they are the chosen people that Heaven has prepared. They are the people of Korea, the Republic of Korea, the people among whom True Parents were born. I have considered with what seriousness you must inform the people about this time. Your attitude to this point has been too casual. That is why, in our current state, we do not have a suitable attitude to receive Heaven's blessing. We must fix that by 180 degrees. Do you understand?

Setbacks on the way to victory

Through this long period, God has waited for True Parents, who were able to realize their dream. Christianity, which Heaven had prepared to spread the providence, did not cooperate and no choice remained but to start again from the very bottom. We have experienced many of those desperate moments over the last fifty years. However we could not see this from a parent's perspective. God had originally planned to send the returning Lord with a national foundation. Through that one nation, all the world's nations would participate in our Heavenly Parent's providence. Do you have any idea how much effort it took to create that environment? You must realize that.

How Father should have ascended

Your duty when Father was alive was to achieve national restoration; you should have sent Father to the spirit world as the chosen people of Heaven's homeland. However, what happened? Who can we say created that environment? None of you could see even one step ahead. There are many senior leaders and early members here today. However, they could not fulfill their responsibilities. If we had not been able to create even this Cheonwon complex, we would have had no choice but to send Father to

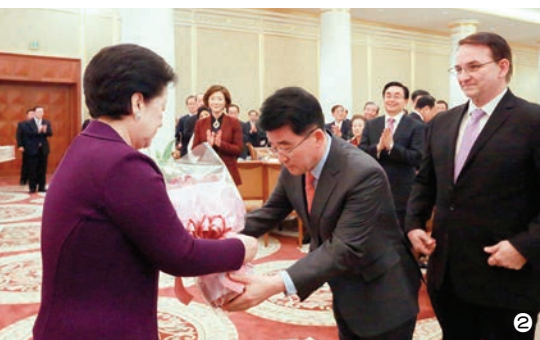
the spiritual world poorly. Blessed families and early members, you must deeply repent. Do you understand?

Save the nation

In our work to create the environment for the returning Lord, the True Parents, our most urgent priority is national restoration. One of us has gone to spirit world. While I am still here, we absolutely must create that environment. However, how confident are you in this? The people of this nation still do not recognize True Parents. We are in an era with the benefits of civilization. We live in an era in which we can connect through the internet in a second, but what have you been doing? Why have we been unable to use the path of civilization Heaven has given to us to get ahead? Do you know what I am saying? That the person in charge takes responsibility is important. Heaven has given you the means by which one person can reach ten people or a hundred people. Why are you not using that method? Why are you not taking this seriously? This is deeply regrettable.

Time and effort are needed

How is it that no sons or daughters think of the future? How are there no sons or daughters that say they will



- ① Left to right: In Sup Park, vice-president of FFWPU International; Sun Jin Moon, president of FFWPU International, and Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, president of WFWP International, listen attentively.
- ② Kim Seog-byeong, chairman of the Board of the Hyo Jeong Global Unification Foundation, presents flowers to True Mother as Michael Jenkins, chairman emeritus of the American Clergy Leadership Conference waits to do so, too.
- ③ Apple Heaven, a musical group formed by members of the Cheon Jeong Gung security staff



make national restoration a reality? Who will give you praise for fulfilling your responsibilities after True Parents are both in the spirit world? Who will tell you that you have worked hard? Do not miss this opportunity. Do you understand?

That is why I have thought about many things. Right now, we have proclaimed Foundation Day, and after proclaiming Cheon Il Guk, we also created the constitution and the five [governmental] organs. However, the task of national restoration will take more time.

Move in unity

Among those here today, I am sure not many of you participated in the Korean War. You would have to be more than ninety years old today. If you think in terms of “enemy lines,” and think that you must regain the most important high ground in order to be victorious, what is the high ground you are facing right now? Where is it? It is the high ground of national restoration. In that case, we must appoint a commander-in-chief in order to regain that ground. We must have the cooperation of all the institutes here. Do you understand what I am saying? That is why we need to strengthen the federation. You must center on the Korean headquarters, and especially center on all of

you gathered here today. What I want to say is that these blessed families, the early members, ambassadors for peace, national messiahs, must unite with the Korean headquarters for the establishment of Cheon Il Guk, especially for the grand goal of national restoration. As elders of the *Cheon Eui Won* [Cheon Il Guk Assembly] you must unite with the Korean headquarters and you must advance together.

In order to regain the high ground, you must all become one. Do not think you are older so you know more. More important is the goal of becoming one. There is only one goal, the fulfillment of which brings us to this high ground. Have you made the determination to fully advance? If you have, this year of the red rooster will be full of hope.

Until now, we have been unable to fulfill our responsibilities and offer this to Father. We must absolutely achieve this. If we advance with determination to do that, we can accomplish it.

Organizational matters

In our constitution, it says there is a term of office. There is one for the Supreme Council. However, because we have not attained our nation, I have decided to push the terms back a bit. Therefore, centered on the Korean

headquarters... the Korean headquarters will fulfill the role of the Cheon Eui Won. Also in addition to church activities that I preside over directly through the international headquarters, I am the president of all institutes, UPF, the *Segye Times* and those related to the newspapers. I am the president of the Family Federation and the president of the *Segye Times*. I am also the chairwoman. I am the president of many things. Do you understand? While I am on earth, I must take my place for your sake, for the sake of your descendants. It is not possible for you to achieve the whole of the providence on your own. I have to be involved. That is why I am a True Parent.

The Sunhak Global Foundation

True Parents understand Heaven's providence. Do you understand? You must live in direct vertical alignment with True Parents. I am telling you not to look to the side. Recently foolish people abound. I am a True Parent; there is no successor without True Parents' seal and blessing. There is no successor in the providence. Do you understand? Even though I taught you this and told you, there can no longer be foolish people who do not realize this.

Therefore, I am planning many things. There is an educational



- ❶ Mrs. McDevitt, chief of staff of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Secretariat, read True Mother's message from the IAPP inauguration in the US.
- ❷ Cho Sung-il, director general of the FFWPU IHQ, opened the meeting as the MC.
- ❸ Ryu Gyeong Seuk, the Korean church president, offered the opening prayer.
- ❹ Song Yong-cheon, chairman of Blessed Family Associations in Japan, spoke to the leaders.
- ❺ Kim Ki-hoon, chairman of the North America region, gave a testimony
- ❻ A toast to celebrate the beginning of 2017



institute centered on the Sun Moon Foundation for cultivating future leaders. However, we will also have the Sunhak Global Foundation, which will globally tie Korea, the United States and Asia together under one system. Sun Moon will also go in that. Do you understand? I am developing this kind of organization. I will be the one in charge of all of this. I will select the people who will cooperate in this work.

Go beyond the nation

I spoke about national restoration, but it does not end with just national restoration. We must also achieve global restoration. Heaven prepared much of True Parents' environment but human beings were the ones that could not fulfill their responsibilities. That is why no choice existed but to take a difficult path. Now even just this nation... True Parents are the owners of this nation. The people who say they will be the president [of Korea] think they are the owners. Once they are president, they do this and that but they finish [their term] without honor.

Right now, this nation is in the midst of confusion. There is no one whom we can say is in charge. If there were a person of that type, the person must become one who will attend

True Parents. True Parents are this nation's owners. They are this world's owners. Heavenly Parent is the Creator, and the ones that will achieve Heavenly Parent's dream are True Parents. In that case, isn't the answer clear? The owners of this nation and of the world are the True Parents. The principle is that the nations that unite with True Parents' teachings will flourish and the nations that cannot unite will fail.

IAPP developments

At the beginning of last year, we proposed the establishment of IAPP and throughout the year, we have worked to conclude its founding. In America, I proclaimed, "I am the True Parent" in a place with the same significance as the Roman Senate during the time of the Roman Empire. I said that we should go forward united with the True Parents.

Did I do well? In front all people, who are surrounded by confusion, I said clearly that I am the True Parent who will reveal the truth and the heavenly secrets. In that regard, I will once again be patient and as the True Parent I will once again teach the children that are still immature, waking them up so that they can become children that are able to fulfill all of their responsibilities. This is

what I am trying to say today. Do you understand?

Let's expedite the kingdom

I have centered national restoration on the Korean headquarters. Those in charge and the early members and all blessed families must unite and achieve national restoration. According to what goals you make and how you go forward, Heaven's blessings and reward will come. It depends on what you do. Also we cannot let the environment that UPF has created throughout the last year for the sake of global restoration be swept away. We must continue to educate others so that each nation can become a nation that receives Heaven's providence and attains national restoration during this age.

The larger the number of fully restored nations there are, the quicker Heaven's providence can come about. Isn't that so? If that happens, what this nation can take responsibility over, what they can do to accelerate this, the method, will come through the IAPP we will hold during True Parents' Birthday, extensively through the press and UPF's ambassadors for peace foundation. Now we must help people clearly understand that we are attending the True Parents.



National restoration is a base

What must we do to become the people that receive True Parents' will? We must inform others. They must know Father and Mother as their True Parents. They must know True Parents. That is why we must educate and take care of them in that sense. We must take care of them according to the global providence. UPF has an international president as well as a Korean president. Therefore, I will appoint a secretary-general of UPF International, so they can all unite. Therefore, unite with Thomas Walsh. Because I directly guide the FFWPU International Headquarters and True Parents' Secretariat, I have selected a person who will go forward after first clearly understanding the direction of the providence. Yang Chang-shik, you are here, right? National restoration is also restoration but for the sake of global restoration, you should have credentials as the vice-president of the *Segye Times*. With that position, you must travel the world and inform people, leading the way to national restoration. You should be in Korea for about one-third of the time, but for the other two-thirds, you must invest in touring the world. You have to do that in order to sink roots in all of the nations and regions

where we established IAPP, so that they may restore the surrounding nations. You must educate them in that way. Heaven has given us the opportunity to make this happen.

Build on the foundation

Right now, many problems have arisen around the world. The strong nations are thinking first of the benefit to their own nations. However this is not Heaven's will. What they are saying and what they are asserting will not go far. You must take the lead and you must be clear regarding Heaven's providence. In this way, Heaven has prepared a global foundation.

Your not being able to fulfill your responsibilities would be serious. Do you understand? Do not focus on who your superior or your subordinate is, but instead focus absolutely on the development of God's will, which will complete the providence. Until your last breath, you must do your utmost with the determination that you will absolutely realize national and global restoration in attendance of True Parents. Do you understand?

Will you do that?

I also spoke a bit about the Sun Hak Global Academy of Arts and Sciences earlier. Is Son Dae-oh here? I want

you to put down everything else you are doing and work on research and development. Do you understand?

Embrace the world

I will manage all of the institutes. In order to do that, the FFWPU International Headquarters and the Secretariat must unite. The same goes for the *Segye Times*. There are two *Segye Times* vice-presidents. Yang Chang-shik will mostly work for the global providence. I appoint Yoon Jeong-ro as a *Segye Times* vice-president. He has worked hard until now to educate politicians and ambassadors for peace about national restoration. Now all things are prepared in name and deed for the sake of national restoration.

The [FFWPU-Korea] president has to go forward toward one goal. Do not worry and fully advance for the sake of national restoration, which we absolutely must accomplish.

Everyone stand up. We will do our best in order for this nation, this people, to receive Heaven's blessing in 2020. I pledge this. I pray that you will all absolutely become the people that embrace the world as God's homeland.

We pledge this! We pledge this! We pledge this! ㄸ



Displaying the Beauty of Heaven

True Mother invited talented young people for a forty-day workshop to study True Parents' lives and teachings and prepare a musical for True Parents' birthday. This is what she said to them at Cheon Jeong Gung on January 6.

People who have dreams are happy people. When they are able to substantiate those dreams, they become even happier. The world we aim to realize as your dream becomes the same as Heavenly Parents' dream and True Parent's dream, which is the kingdom of heaven on earth. What the omniscient and omnipotent God purposed at the beginning must be complete in the end. That is why we had to go through the tearful course of restoration through indemnity.

We must develop from the individual to the family, the tribe, the race and completely cut our relationship with Satan.

It took four thousand years of adhering to the course of restoration through indemnity for God to raise the chosen people of Israel and prepare a national foundation for them. It

was at this time that God sent his only son, Jesus Christ.

However when God sent a son—whom he could directly communicate with and called “my son”—to the fallen world, no one recognized him. Jesus lost the prepared environment, and even though he practiced a public life for three years, in the end he had no choice but to go the way of the cross. As he died, he said, I will return, I will return and hold the wedding supper of the Lamb. He informed them very clearly about the marriage supper of the Lamb. That is why the True Parents must come forward to save fallen humankind.

Wild olive trees

The metaphor of the wild olive tree is in the Bible. Fallen humankind is the wild olive tree. In order to become true olive trees, you need the owner's

help. Those owners are the True Parents. If you do not go through the True Parents, you cannot appear in God's presence.

The history of the providence! The two thousand years of the Christian providence covers the providential history of preparing and finding the God's only daughter. Heaven chose a new people who could lay the foundation for the only daughter of God, the daughter who had not been born nor found [two thousand years ago].

That people was the Korean people, the Han people, using the same Chinese character for “han” that my family's name does. Centered on this nation, the Koreans were the people who had to fulfill their responsibility of giving birth to the final only son and daughter of God, the True Parents, whose emergence Heaven had



worked to realize. These people were from the Christian sphere.

However just as the Judaic people had at the time of the Israelites, [Christians] did not recognize True Parents. Nevertheless, True Parents worked on their own, from the bottom, and created an environment for the global providence.

Coinciding with True Parents Holy Wedding in 1960, blessed families emerged. You all are second-generation members right? You all are the “pure water” born through True Parents. You also have responsibilities. The 74 billion people in the world have not recognized True Parents. We must enlighten all of them.

You have to live in attendance to Heaven. You must have lived in the kingdom of heaven on earth to go to the kingdom of heaven in heaven later. The work in this land, the providence on earth is that important.

That is why, for a long time I have thought about how to convey this hopeful news to those in many fields. The work to create an environment is not an easy task. All of you are more than seventeen years old. Right? I was the same age when I resolved to go forward in the position of the True Parents. I have been unwavering for the past fifty years. In light of that, should you work to resemble me...or shouldn't you? [We should resemble

you.] No matter how difficult or poor the surroundings you are in are, you still have responsibilities.

What does heaven look like?

If I asked you to imagine the kingdom of heaven on earth, what kind of picture would you paint? You must first be able to express [that kingdom] through the deep joy within your heart and through your body. You can express it through dance, song or through art. This does not only convey your own emotions but is an exercise in which emotions can be shared. True Parents' dream is to make that kind of world.

True Parents are working to engage with all 74 billion people of the world. Is it possible for True Parents to do this by themselves? You must work to expand True Parents' dream. Therefore, as soon as possible, we must create the kingdom of heaven on earth, the realization of Heavenly Parent's dream, True Parents' dream—your dream.

There are many obstacles until that can happen. However, while I am still here, while you are here, we can do it! That is why I told you earlier, you are still in the growing stage and must study more and experience many things. That is why you should spread even more widely the dreams you are working towards.

The settlement of Cheon Il Guk, which we are blessed with, brings the kingdom of heaven on earth. I am working hard so that we can have an actual environment we can look at with our own eyes. This is the Cheonwon complex project.

The history of True Parents' providence has not existed through all of human history until now. In order to study this in detail, I will specially create this place, which will last thousands of years. This will be something that you must come to see from all over the world. Aren't you looking forward to it?

In Christianity's cultural sphere, many famous artists or musicians arose. If you go to the Vatican, you can see art works by Michelangelo. That caliber of artists also emerged. In our age, Cheon Il Guk, you who were born as pure water can become people who create works even greater than that.

I am giving you the opportunity to display fully the talents you were born with, so participate in this workshop with happy and grateful hearts. I hope that through the talents you were born with and in connection with my plans, you will paint a grand picture as you look far ahead to the future. I pray you will create a great birthday performance I can be proud of. 

How Do We Practice Absolute Faith?

By Jeong Jin-hwa

T rue Father's message below is appropriate for our current church circumstances. Why did such hardship come to our church? Not only is our church experiencing these difficulties, nations are having troubles as well. Korea has the Choi Soon-shil scandal and many American people are protesting Donald J. Trump's election. Politicians all over the world are concerned about how global politics will change.

God predicted that during the Last Days, seven years of great hardship would occur. This period of hardship will be a time when believers face one of the most sorrowful times in God's six thousand years of history. Relationships between people will break and believers will experience an unfathomable environment. During this time, no matter how much you live according to your conscience, you will be unable to assert your life through it. The more you embrace God's will and think conscientiously, the more suffering you will experience wherever you look. This time is the seven-year period of great hardship during the Last Days. During this time, your hopes will be shaken, the center of your faith will be shaken; the leaders you believed and followed will falter. Not only will your principles be shaken, your religion, conscience and even your parents' hearts of determination will be shaken.

In that case, why did God make this type of world? He did so to offer humans the value of working together with the true God who took great pains throughout history. God has seen countless horrors over six thousand years and suffered countless hardships. During the Last Days, people will find they are unable to center themselves on their conscience, principles or faith. This period will come so that God can find the true son who will love God and live with God even amongst hardships. —Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon 11-97



Our current reality

What is the current era? Why is the world experiencing such adversities? If we do not understand this period correctly, our faith will falter. How should we understand this time of confusion? Just as Father said, it is a time when believers' hopes shake and the disappearance of leaders causes loss of hope. Why are these confusing events taking place?

Even if members live according to their conscience, leaders follow the righteous path of public life, or we all understand the providence generally, understanding this moment of hardship is still difficult. Why are we experiencing this time of heartfelt pain? These tribulations and struggles are a process to find the original heart from the time of the Creation, which we lost.

Encountering God

Our being able to experience God's heart is not theoretical. As we experience God's six thousand years of misery, we experience God; without going through some of that ourselves, we could not comprehend how much misery, suffering, and sorrow God has been through. Father has said this was all in order to make true people, which God desires. Even through this suffering, we did not betray our loving God through that time; we set a condition for him to receive comfort.

We can see through what Father has said that the seven years of hardship will begin between Foundation Day in 2013 and 2020. We are in the midst those years. During this time, focusing on searching for our inner conscience to discover God, rather than developing external events and tangible things is important. We are facing these external and internal hardships within the church in order to rid ourselves of fallen nature and filth from the secular world. Through occurrences inside the church, we will be able to take time to consider the purpose of our existence by making conditions and praying deeply to find our faith identity and the essence of what a blessed family is. We will be able to discover a new subjective faith through asking ourselves why conflict and discord have arisen in our church.

Maintaining a consistent heart

Can we keep our faith, love God and have love within our hearts through this time of struggle? God is testing us through these many miserable events and accidents—he is trying to rid us of the shell of our fallen habits in our everyday lives in blessed families through shock. God is not interested in external circumstances such as fancy titles within our organization, money or honor. He is asking us whether we have become true people.

True Parents are always emphasizing that we must live settled lives as if at high noon, without even a bit of shame. However, we think that is a life distant from our own and that only True Parents can live that kind of life. We are not changing; more accurately, the desires of the flesh tie us down and we continue our fallen habits. That is why we continue to easily complain and criticize the providence, True Parents and the True Family as if we have been personally affronted. We cannot enter Heaven if we hold on to this mentality. Currently, we are living in the fallen world, which gives us hardships by making our living environment difficult. True Parents have emphasized the need to revolutionize our thinking in order to cleanse our souls of fallen world elements.

True Mother already said in 2013 at the beginning of Foundation Day, "We are now living in the historic time of a great cosmic revolution that will change history, unite the spiritual and physical worlds and create the ideal kingdom of heaven that God has longed for since the beginning of time. We can no longer postpone or prolong it. Heaven has already proclaimed that January 13, 2013 will be 'Foundation Day.' That day will mark the beginning and genesis of the substantial Cheon Il Guk."

—Pyeong Hwa Gyeong p. 959

Overcoming inertia

True Parents foresaw that the transition period would be one of stagnation. We can understand it as a moment of cosmic revolution or of a revolutionary transition. I believe that prioritizing the providence during transitions and through stagnation and boldly reforming and making a great transition are imperative. In order to overcome this stagnation we must establish our subjective faith as one based on God, the truth and becoming one with God. We must begin anew through establishing our faith as one that is empathetic with God, allowing us to experience God and his love and truth. This type of faith will vitalize us and become a sacrificial and creative faith that will be autonomous.

How do we make a revolution in the culture of heart? Father has prophesied that Foundation Day will be the beginning of a new spiritual revolution. However, because we still live with our habits and have a certain concept about our faith, our church faces painful divisions that do not allow us to maintain a vision for the future.

In the past, in the wilderness period, we had the mission to report results to Heaven, such as a providential rally, a proclamation of God's providence or activities. We were living in an age in which God and Satan were fighting—a life or death situation. However, we must now practice our faith in the settlement age. Our lives must be different. The age of indemnity was an age of war, so all the problems did not emerge. Our only goal was to be victorious in war. We overlooked internal problems. In the settlement age, the complete opposite of the age of indemnity, through our own faith and communicating with our internal conscience we must make a subjective faith. One must first become a true person and then create a true family.



As viewed from across the lake, the Cheongpyeong Training Center, with Cheon Jeong Gung in the distance, nestled in the hills

Becoming the embodiment of our faith

The basis of faith in the settlement age is the ethics of taking responsibility. We must take the path of a public life for the providence, through honest and sincere means. If the wilderness age was a symbolic era based on numerical results and reports to demonstrate faith, we must now transition to an era based on substantial and realistic results. Instead of focusing on symbolic providential rallies and victories based on indemnity, we must display to the world a substantial nation and the successful lives in our community of blessed families, so that the world's people can look at what we have accomplished and naturally come to us on their own to follow the path of the true providence. We must become leaders who can achieve this. Before being able to live such lives, experiencing a revolution of consciousness is necessary.

How does a revolution of consciousness occur? After Foundation Day, we came to live within the realm of God's direct dominion. If in blessed families we personified living for the sake of others, we would be full of true love's energy. The origin of this true love is God's Holy Spirit, which enters our bodies. In order for God's Holy Spirit to enter our mind and bodies, we must live lives of service and honesty. Then, the true energy generated through service would naturally settle within ourselves and allow us to grow and cultivate our spiritual senses. We would be able to have spiritual experiences. This is life lived in oneness with God. You are accumulating God's energy within yourself and developing your conscience (your second God) within yourself, leading to the ability to empathize with God. Through this sacred training, you would embody God's love and wisdom, become one with God and experience God's heart. Father has spoken about that future world.

In the future, people will compete to live for others. Why? In Heaven, those who have lived for others will go to the highest place. Therefore, when people live for the sake of those people in a high position, they would be able to jump to a higher place themselves through their actions. Humans are bound to return to the original homeland. A physical homeland exists on earth, but what is more important is the return to the original and eternal homeland. Those who had not lived a life that those in the homeland would welcome will be miserable.

—Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon 213-194

In the society of the future, everyone will live for others. We are living during the fourth industrial revolution with the development of artificial intelligence, including robots. The age when human labor will pass to robots is nearing, when humans can live the original life, which Heavenly Parent had meant to establish at the Creation. This age is one when the world's NGOs are working in service



The name, "Jeonseong Wanglim Palace," in True Father's calligraphic handwriting: True Parents dedicated the building together on November 7, 1999. On that occasion, Father prayed, "permit it to become an originating point of blessing through which all nations of the future will be connected and dedicated to Heaven."

to others in society. National welfare is becoming systematic. We are facing an era when we must mature and develop ourselves. Our lives will eventually change as we graduate from external jobs and work, so that we may mature spiritually and become perfected individuals who can enter heaven. True Father described becoming one with God in the following words:

If you look at the mind, it has a gate. It does not always open in just one direction. Because your mind itself rotates, without going through this door, the minus component is unable to establish a relationship centered on the plus component. Everyone has that kind of mind's gate.... On the day the gate of God's mind and the gate of your mind become perfectly one and revolve around a certain standard, the path to fully experience what God is feeling will be established.

—Sermons of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon 76-127

Every day and every moment, with an honest heart, we must achieve mind-body unity. We must practice true love each day. When the energy of true love fills us and overflows, the gate of God's mind and the gate of a human mind are in perfect accord, and they can communicate with each other. This is not something you can skip over because you are busy. Individual perfection is the theme of Cheon Il Guk. If you are unable to reach perfection as the owner, you become an irrelevant existence to Cheon Il Guk. Realizing Cheon Il Guk is a project we must complete before we die.

True love training must begin with practicing and experiencing the four great loves within the family. First, you must acknowledge the other and that they are better than you are. This is the start of living a heavenly life. Second, you must respect one another, share a heart of true love, worship God together with a child's pure heart and attend all people as a child attends adults. Third, live a positive life and praise one another, thereby practicing living for the sake of others.

Through practicing the four great loves, positive energy will overflow within ourselves, filling us with hope. No matter how difficult our church circumstances become, we need positive energy to control negative energy so it does not influence us. This is how we will overcome these seven years of hardship. This time of tribulation and struggle will allow us to rid ourselves of fallen nature and discover our conscience, the second God, within ourselves. Becoming a true person through this training is what we must do at this moment. When we do that, we can have absolute faith and live lives as if at high noon, without shadows. I will end this by asking you to look deep within yourself and ask how much of a life of faith you are living. 

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What a Difference a Word Makes

*This interview came about in response to an essay by Rev. Famularo, “What Does Begotten Really Mean? How Misunderstanding Words Can Lead To Unnecessary Division” on appliedunificationism.com, a UTS blog. It has attracted intense interest. The interviewer, in preparation for this conversation, read a 1953 article in the *Journal of Biblical Literature* on reaction to the word “begotten” not being in the Revised Standard Version, which stated, “Jerome went to Palestine in AD 385 to complete his revision of what became the official Bible of the Roman Catholic Church, the Latin Vulgate.” It goes on to explain that on that occasion, Jerome changed the Latin text of John 1:14 and 18 and 3:16 and 18 from “only” to “only begotten” and did so “out of interest for ecclesiastical dogma.” Bear in mind that from the Vulgate, “only begotten” appears in the King James Version, the English Revised Version and others. The Revised Standard Version corrected that early manipulation.*



Franco Famularo

What prompted you to write about this topic?

I have been thinking about this matter for the last three or four years, since it became an issue. I have had dialog with other UTS professors and other friends of mine who studied at UTS, generally about this issue. It has been on my mind to put it down on paper for about a year, but given that I have many things to do, I did not get to it.

It was prompted by the fact that through our attendance at UTS, we learned how easily divisions have come about in Christianity. This was one of the issues—it was not the only issue—but one of the issues that struck me as being an important one and not just linguistically but theologically. I thought it would help clarify what it is that Unifica-

tion people believe, in fact, or understood historically through the Principle as being the nature of God, the nature of Christ, the nature of the True Parents and how this is so easily misunderstood on an issue like being born sinless or being a begotten child of God.

While at UTS I wrote a couple of papers on how the “Trinitarian” doctrine evolved and it was also due to a mis-translation of some key words by the Early Christian fathers.

In most languages, the word “begotten” is not used. Only in English do we see this word, “begotten,” and in this particular instance. Now, some people say it is not an issue of translation. The English translation is the correct one. If you go to Webster’s Dictionary or Google Translate, it translates *monogenes* as “begotten,” but in fact, that is the

wrong translation. This is why the newer versions of the Bible do not use “begotten.” Indeed the word in the version of the Bible that Divine Principle uses, the Revised Standard Version, is the word “only.” There was a dispute, some controversy, when the new version of the Bible omitted the word “begotten” in those four verses where you find it in the New Testament.

People accused the translators of the Revised Standard Version of taking “begotten” out because they (the translators) did not believe in Jesus’ virgin birth and that Jesus was the same as God. Yet, as Unificationists, we do not believe in those things anyway.

Well, we do not believe in what they refer to as *Theotokos*, which is the Mother of God Theory, which we all learned when we were studying Church History at UTS. We do not believe in the virgin birth. We don’t believe that anyone was born, neither Jesus, Father nor Mother was born through an immaculate conception and were begotten directly by God, which is basically what that term came to mean for many Christians. We would have basically agreed with Arius who claimed that Jesus was of a “similar” nature to God. Although Arius was not the first to raise the issue, he argued as follows: “if the Father begat the son, he that was begotten had a beginning of existence; and from it is evident, that there was a time when the son was not.” In fact, the Arian movement continued for several hundred years after the dispute at the Council of Nicaea. Some people also speculate that the rise of Islam, with the emphasis on their being only one God and that Jesus was not God himself, has some connection to the fact that many people who had an Arian understanding of the messiahship came to Islam.

But unlike in the time of Jesus, we have a very clear idea of True Parents’ birth parents. We know their names, and we have seen their photographs.

So the issue that comes up now is, Was Mother born sinless? This is what we keep hearing,



Top: Angels watch Zechariah, Elizabeth and Mary with babies John (later, “the Baptist”) and Jesus. At the time, some guessed that Joseph’s absence in the painting was significant. Below: Judah propositions Tamar. *Exposition of the Divine Principle* teaches that historical figures made Jesus’ unique birth as God’s only son possible.

and that Father was born sinless. Father addressed that long ago, when he told us back in the 1970s, or maybe earlier than that, that the conditions for Father to be born free of sin actually were established at the time of Jesus. The preparation leading to Jesus’ birth made the conditions for that to happen. And if I may so bold to say, it really depended on Father and Mother fulfilling their responsibility, their actually responding to God’s call, which they did. Special lineages: I’m sure Father and Mother had a special lineage. But it wasn’t necessary for all that complicated pro-

cess of restoration to take place, as we saw through Judah and Tamar, through David and Bathsheba and all that, through Zachariah and Mary in order to lead to Jesus’ birth without original sin. That foundation transferred to the returning Lord through the foundation of Christianity.

Is it fair to say that in your essay you conclude that Mother is actually not saying, “only begotten”?

She’s not; in fact, I would go further and say that the texts that have been translated into English should be corrected to

reflect what Mother is actually saying. What she is actually saying in Korean is probably closer to the original Greek *monogenes*, which mean “first born” or “only born.” Whereby, Mother is using the word “only born daughter,” if I am correct. I had someone who understands English and Korean well, to help me with this point and that was the conclusion.

Father speaks about this very point in many verses. I mentioned some of those quotations [in the essay]. He is saying is saying, “only born son,” “only born daughter,” or in some cases he is saying “first-born son.” It is similar to when Jesus said, “...before Abraham was, I am.” [John 8:58] He was not born before Abraham but he fulfilled what Adam should have fulfilled. So the understanding I think we should have is that True Parents are the first-born of God in the sense that they are the first man and woman to fulfill their responsibility toward God.

A popular Korean–English dictionary and Naver, a popular online crowd-sourced dictionary, both translate 독생자 as “only begotten son, Jesus Christ.” It seems the Korean followed the biblical error.

The King James Version was the predominant translation in English when the Bible was brought to Korea in the late 1880s and early 1900s. The Revised Standard Version came out in the early 1950s. Now, tie that to the larger understanding that most mainline Christian traditions teach that Jesus was God, that Jesus was born of an immaculate conception, that he was the result of a virgin birth. So it would make sense that that is the case. But most linguists haven’t studied theology and most linguists who participate in translation do not understand theology. I think this is where we need some sensitivity.

Do you see a way forward?

Ido. The fact is that True Parents have succeeded in their missions. Father emphasized throughout his life efforts to bring about unity and harmony. Conferences like the

one we are attending are the result of his great vision and they have gained more and more credibility, probably more than we even realize. Many people respect the efforts of UPF and other organizations to bring religious people together. Because of that, because of the momentum that we have built, I think that there is a way forward. We just need to settle down a little bit after all the hype, and actually start dialoguing with one another, which is something we have encouraged people from other religions to do.

It is worrisome that the division in Islam is family-related and has lasted centuries.

Yes, and it continues. We just had an incident in Quebec City the other day, which you may have heard on the news. This shootings and killings of six men happened in a mosque. Usually we associate such events with Iraq and some battle between Sunni and Shia where they attack people in mosques or when they come out of Friday prayers. It is quite concerning that religious misunderstanding can lead to such events. So I hope, first that we as Unification people will not follow that route and that we know better. We have never come even close to thinking like that. I don’t think so. I think Unification people that adhere to Father’s teachings as peace-loving people. They are going to go the extra mile, as Father taught us—“in the shoes of a servant, shedding sweat for the earth, tears for man and blood for Heaven.” That is what Father taught us all the time. I think because of this deeply rooted philosophy of life, that Father taught us, there is a way forward.

The weight of translating for True Mother, which has consequences, is on the shoulders of young members who have not undergone theological training.

Ithink it is important that translators and interpreters be trained in this zone because it is not only an issue within the Unification family but as we make efforts to communicate our message beyond the border

of the unification family, to traditional Christianity or other religions, it is so easy to get it wrong and end up in complications that are not necessary. This issue of “begotten” is one of them.

Will we reach the stage where our seminarians study Divine Principle based solely on the Korean text?

For sure, and there were efforts when I was there in the early 1990s and earlier to teach us at least some rudimentary Korean. All of us have some interest in that. I admit I am not the best in the Korean language, but I usually try to get to the bottom of it. Not all seminarians know Greek and Hebrew, but if they wish to get to the essence of what Jesus or Paul said, or the prophets, they have to actually gain a basic understanding. At the very least, when we have True Parents, Mother or Father, expressing such important terms, we should be concerned about what she or he is really saying. Courses in Korean have always been in the curriculum at least since I was there in the early 1990s. UTS has Korean courses, as listed in current catalogue. I think a lot more has to be done on a broader scale as we translate Mother’s talks, because English is a language the many other linguistic groups in the world use as a basis for translating texts when they’re in a hurry. If you are translating into French, Spanish, Italian or German, you might look at the English as a basis.

Do you foresee that more such terms can be dealt with?

Yes, I do. This is all part of the maturing of our faith community. We catapulted from a pioneer group just a few decades ago into an institution in almost no time. We have reached a level that early Christianity took several hundred years to get to. It’s time that we invest our resources in that, because it’s important. 

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A United Couple Delivers God's Love

By Izawa Misato

One day, we received news from our church that a reply had come to a witnessing postcard that my husband or I had distributed. After we checked the address, we realized it was from the first day that my husband and I went out together and that he had been the one to put it in the mailbox.

This was at a time when we had only recently started our family life. I was so unused to the environment then that I felt unable to achieve spiritual stability. Just as I was thinking that I must do something, find some way to witness, I received a stack of postcards from our church team leader. At first, I could not gather the courage to go out, but over time, I got used to the idea and began to distribute the postcards every day.

After I had been distributing postcards for a few days, I thought that it would be nice if I could do something together with my husband, so I suggested we distribute the postcards together. He happily agreed. After work, we would meet at the nearby subway station, and as we walked home, we would change our path little by little so we could put the postcards in mailboxes on the way. My husband said, "I don't know how I should be doing this." I suggested to him that before we begin putting the postcards in mailboxes, we should pray to God, True Parents, absolute



The writer and her husband

good spirits, and all the spirits here in our mission area and we should say, "I will begin distributing the postcards, so please be with us." Then as we put the postcards in, I say, "Please help connect these people with God and True Parents. We are here to deliver God's love." On that day, we distributed postcards to twenty-one mailboxes on our way home. From that time until we ran out of postcards, I distributed them every day and if my husband came home in time, he joined me.

I had heard that our Urawa-North church had received much fortune through postcard witnessing, but I still thought it would not be easy to

receive a reply. Nevertheless, I believed we were setting a condition and afterward (I think) because both my husband and I kept witnessing in mind during our everyday lives, we received news that a reply had come. I truly repented that I had not believed we would receive a reply.

What I felt from this experience was that God could work through us, as a blessed couple, when we united and based on my husband's selflessness and his belief in me when I decided to distribute the postcards that our church team leader had sent. The reply we received was from a forty-year-old male, a person with a strong original mind who has been searching for a religion that will thoroughly convince him. He came to the church for the first time a few days ago and participated in our Open Praise Service. He appeared deeply moved by the video of True Parents and said, "I want to make a family like that." He also complimented my husband and me, saying we were a beautiful couple. Afterward, as we listened to him, we realized that he and my husband had a lot in common. The man was both very surprised and happy about that and decided to attend a Divine Principle lecture. 

Mrs. Izawa, blessed in 2015, attends our church in the East Saitama District, Urawa-North.

God Connects Dots and Expands the Sphere of Encounters

By Maeno Yuki Yoshi



Mr. and Mrs. Maeno and their second daughter

Our family moved back to Miyazaki Prefecture, to my hometown, where my parents still lived, in 1990. In 2001, in order to have a place to meet people in the community, we opened a health food store. There, we would also do counseling and give life advice.

Since July 1, as a means embarking on a course as a heavenly tribal messiah family church, we moved part of our store into our living space. Since that time, my wife and I have often had a conversation that goes like this: "A meeting of two people is like a dot, but at the right time God draws a line from one dot to another and to another to create a plane, widening the sphere of encounters. Through this God draws people to his side. Nothing is wasted in God's will, and God gives us immeasurable hope."

The first time I felt this way was through my second daughter's blessing. In 2013, as part of the first class of Cheon Il Guk Youth Missionaries, our second daughter went to her mission area for a year. I don't know if it was because my wife had been a part of the 4,200 Japanese foreign missionaries, even though my wife and I would express our worries, our daughter did not hear them. She went for a year to work as a missionary without any doubts, and returned in 2014. That next spring, this daughter, my wife, and I attended the service on the first

anniversary of the dedication of the Miyazaki Family Church. At that service, the father of the young man that would become my daughter's husband was also there. This daughter caught his eye, which led him to suggest a match between her and his son. As they began to communicate, we found out that the father had also been at an event my daughter had participated in when she was in the Missions Department. Both the children felt a connection and smoothly moved on to be engaged, and then went through the Blessing Ceremony in 2016. Through this, I felt that beyond human understanding, Heaven created the "dot" of one meeting and connected it to another dot and another in a line, becoming a plane and through which he guides us. This is without a doubt God's love.

Also, a woman named Watanabe Misuzu (fifty-eight) who had come to our store ten years ago, received the blessing this year. Ms. Misuzu had joined the church years ago but had decided to leave the church for a variety of reasons. At that time, she moved, changed her phone number and cut all connections to the church. That same Ms. Misuzu came to our store. As soon as she stepped in she asked, "This isn't connected to the Unification Church, right?" and put up her guard. Even though she said that, she began to trust us and would come to us occasionally for advice.

Last August, my wife and I prepared to testify about the church to Ms. Misuzu, who had a quick understanding of the word. About that time, through a sister we know, we found out that Ms. Watanabe had recently connected to an FFWPU education center. My wife and I visited the education center while Ms. Watanabe was there and God provided us with the opportunity to naturally greet her and tell her we were members and a blessed couple. That was when she replied, "To tell you the truth, I really missed blessed families." That meeting brought out an ocean of tears and emotion.

On October 5, during the time when True Mother invited the Japanese church leaders to Korea, we heard Ms. Misuzu's testimony, at the education center, about meeting God. She spoke about the God she felt on her travels, dreaming of True Parents, her hope to receive the blessing, and other things. Through seeing her excitement as she spoke, I could truly feel that Heaven and the truth give life to people. That is why I feel that through our meetings people, God draws a line from dot to dot and through those lines creates a plane that expands and moves toward the establishment of Cheon Il Guk. 

Mr. Maeno received the blessing among the six-thousand-couple group in 1982.

A Heart Reoriented

By Anonymous

A few years ago, after having lived a life of faith for more than twenty years, I began to feel that I had reached my limit in doing this by myself and made a goal to enlighten my husband about the church in order to restore him. However, my husband would not accept the church and his objections to and bare tolerance of the church continued. Since we had entered the age in which the movement had earned acceptance as the Family Federation, and in order to fulfill my mission as a heavenly tribal messiah, I began to hope with increased ardor for my husband's restoration. Nevertheless, to take that first step toward our receiving the blessing was not easy, which is why I asked my central figure for advice and made the decision to fill out wish papers.

For twenty-one days, I filled out a wish paper every day and wrote my honest feelings to God. During that time, many things happened and each time I felt that God had protected and guided me, for which I felt deeply grateful. However, even after the twenty-one days, my husband exhibited no reaction. Honestly, I thought to myself that as I had expected, this is not going to be easy.

One day while I was washing the dishes in the kitchen, all of a sudden came the thought, Have I truly loved my husband up until now? Though I kept saying I wanted to restore my



husband, was I thinking about him or about myself? How lonely must my husband have felt? Even though I act in the manner that I do, he has still loved me. I felt struck by this realization. After that, my tears would not stop as I continued to apologize. I wanted to express my heart clearly to my husband, as soon as he returned from work. With tears in my eyes, I apologized saying, "Up until now I have not understood you. I am truly sorry." When I thought about that moment afterward, I realized that I had not been thinking about converting my husband or that if I were to apologize all of a sudden, he might not accept my apology. In that moment, all I was thinking about was conveying an honest apology.

Because my husband perhaps realized the bare honesty of my statement, he was quiet for a moment. He then said, "At last you understand my heart." His heart opened. In truth, for the last few years, my husband had been telling me that I did not understand his heart at all. Whenever

he said that, I would reply coldly, "There you go again," "I know" or "That's what you always say." When I heard my husband's reply this time, I felt genuine remorse and my heart was full of regret. Tears of gratitude also flowed, out of happiness because our hearts had finally connected.

Afterward I felt that a wall that had arisen between us had come down. It was as if writing the wish papers had loosed all of the entanglements that had been piling up in my heart. Even though I cannot express this clearly, I have been feeling happy and light-hearted. For some reason, my husband's everyday actions move me and what he says seems so kind and new. My goal of wanting my husband to receive the blessing so we can walk together up the path toward God's will has not changed, but more specifically, I now feel that I want my husband, who makes me feel needed and loves me, to be reborn as God's son. 

The North Aichi District Inuyama Family Church Witnessing Department submitted this article.

A Matchmaking Service versus Blessing Preparation

By Mishima Yukio

Mr. Fuji (fifty-two) is single. He is working hard at studying the Divine Principle as he prepares to receive the blessing. Mr. Fuji's mother began studying the Divine Principle before her son. During this time, when she told us that her son had not yet married, we realized that she was worried about him. We decided to focus our first efforts on guiding the son to receive the blessing, so I went to meet the son directly. The son had been a registered member of a secular matchmaking service since his mid-thirties and had also been meeting potential marriage partners on his own initiative, but he had been unable to find a suitable one. Mr. Fuji had desired to get married to make his mother happy, which is why I told him, "If you do wish to receive the marriage blessing through the Family Federation, you must first study our teachings, the Divine Principle." Mr. Fuji agreed and has been studying since last January.

He had doubts about things he could not see with his eyes, such as God and the spiritual world, but he said it would not hurt for him to learn about them. He had a reasonable attitude about studying these topics. In the beginning, in respect to marriage, he would say, "If there is the possibility of getting married, I want to increase my opportunities." How-

ever, the Family Federation's idea of marriage moved him as he learned about it and his purpose became clearer. "I don't simply want to get married," he said, "I want to get married so I can give joy to my partner."

As Mr. Fuji studied about God and the Divine Principle at the education center, he continued to meet marriage prospects through the matchmaking service. As it happened, because the women's motivations for getting married appeared to be for their own happiness only, these did not work out. He told me this and I replied, "God has definitely prepared a partner for you, so let us focus on the marriage blessing." After that, he declined introductions from the matchmaking service. He formally began the documentation process to prepare for the marriage blessing and became an official matching and blessing candidate. He also happily offered the blessing donation and participated in the new member praise service.

At the end of August, Mr. Fuji participated in the "Youth Blessing Exchange" in District Six. He was the oldest person at the meeting. Mr. Fuji had the attitude that if there was someone that would choose him, in his heart he was willing to accept anyone. However, the circumstances were difficult and no woman had come up to speak to him. As the event

A Divine Principle workshop for those wishing to take part in the Blessing Ceremony



was nearing its end, Mr. Fuji began to feel that it would not work out this time. He was preparing to give up when a woman who wished to meet with him appeared. He said, "I was very surprised, but also happy." This is how Mr. Fuji came to court this woman, who is three years younger than he. His mother was very happy and said, "I had been thinking it would be nice for him to meet a woman who has had many experiences in life, and I hope they will be happy together."

It is now only the beginning but even the process of meeting a perspective spouse is difficult, and I am confident that God guided the woman to speak to him. Mr. Fuji has expressed gratitude to God and is studying the Divine Principle with even greater intensity. He provides encouragement and inspiration to other people who are studying. 

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A General Assembly of Unification Youth in Cameroon

Higher than 60 percent of Cameroon's twenty-four million people are under the age of twenty-five. The future of the nation largely depends on reaching young people and inculcating good morals and righteousness in them. Our movement is preparing by developing talented young FFWPU leaders.



Edwin Plekhanov, national president of FFWPU in Cameroon

We offer our gratitude to Heavenly Parent and True Parents for their abundant grace and inspiration as we gradually usher in 2017. Following the reorganization of the unification movement in Cameroon and the creation of our Youth Department, the newly appointed director of the Youth Department, Nchia Kamran, under the guidance of the national president, Rev. Edwin Plekhanov, convened a General Assembly for young members of the unification movement and for the launching of the new department. This took place on January 14 and 15 at the Pastoral Mission Center of Douala I. There were twenty-eight young people present, which included high school students, university students, an engineer, an accountant, a psychologist and a musician, among other occupations.

Building the future together

The meeting began at 11:00 AM on the January 14 with holy songs, the Cheon Il Guk anthem and the Family Pledge. Mr. Tamo Desire, the regional coordinator of YFWP Littoral, offered an opening prayer. The new secretary general of YFWP Cameroon, Mrs. Kouakou Laure, gave a welcome speech. We followed this with the sharing of hoondokhae by reading an extract from "The Way of Young People." This was very inspiring as



Natives call this active volcano, Mongo ma Ndemi (Mountain of Greatness); its English name is Mt. Cameroon. Like Mongo ma Ndemi, FFWPU Cameroon is gradually gathering strength and rising above the horizon.

we read what True Father had said concerning how young people need to plan for their future before reaching the age of thirty. Many of us in the audience were in our twenties. Thereafter, some youths such as Ndum Benjamin, Mandiefe Gaius and Cindy Agwo shared their understanding of the hoondokhae. The secretary of the session was Ms. Un-hee and Nchia Kamran, assisted by Mr. Ernst Paul Kamga, the director of the Communication, Sports, Arts and Culture Department, who chaired the meeting.

After hoondokhae, Soon-Ae Ndasi presented a song before Rev. Edwin mounted the stage to give an orientation of what he expects of the Youth Department. He explained that the mission of the Youth Department is a very serious one, because it encompasses YFWP, CARP, HARP and the Religious Youth Service (RYS). He said the future of the providence depends on how we manage this department, so we who are alive in this era should invest our utmost to see that the future of this department is bright for those who come after us.

He also said that when very few young people are in the movement, it means there is not enough life and that we have to give life to the movement by first aligning ourselves with the flow of the providence and multiplying in number.

Together in song and unity

After this, we went on to hear reports from the different youth organizations beginning with HARP, then CARP and YFWP. Victoria Tch-ing-Bobe, who is a sixteen-year-old second-generation member in high school, presented the HARP report. She explained how she had invited WFWP to speak about purity and AIDS prevention on World AIDS Day in December to students at a meeting she had organized. She plans to expand this type of initiative to more high schools through other second-generation teen-aged members.

Next came the report by Ndum Stancia, president of CARP, who spoke about the re-launch of CARP activities and a CARP fund raising project. Later she will tour three regions to see how to organize CARP by first seek-

ing CARP core members who are willing to engage with people. Next, the CARP president of Douala, Soon Ae Ndasi, gave a report about plans to get CARP functioning at the University of Douala. Lastly, we listened to a report by the outgoing YFWP president, Mr. Obam Patrick, who gave an overall report of YFWP activities from the time he became president to date. He explained the difficulties that accompanied this responsibility and the prospects that waited the next generation. His analysis drew applause and he promised to support the incoming president in whatever area that a need arises. After this, Mrs. Marthe Nchia, wife of newly appointed director, Nchia Kamran, entertained us with a song. She sang "*Je Suis Dans La Joie*," [I'm Happy] raising high the spirit of the participants. We had a lunch break at 2:45 PM.

Group investigation

After lunch, we returned for the afternoon session at 4:30. This time we organized ourselves into three groups for group reflection on the internal situation of our movement's



always be present in each generation until all is restored but that the work done will be taken into consideration and ways will be found to support these youths. We then concluded the first day at 10: 00 PM with a unison prayer and dinner that FFWPU Douala had prepared.

Changes in leadership

On the second day, we all attended Sunday service with the Douala family members. After the Sunday service, Rev. Edwin proceeded with the installation of the incoming YFWP president, Mr. Tchetchoua

blessing and establish blessed families. RYS is yet to be created. After this presentation, Rev. Edwin took the floor. He laid greater emphasis on the strategy put in place and explained in depth that this is what all departments will use to realize vision 2020.

Another perspective on young people

After that, we had a second group reflection in the three groups, this time on the external situation of young people in our movement. The problem centered on why stagnation has existed in the number of youths joining the church and receiving the blessing for the past five years and methods of practically resolving the situation. Three representatives each presented their findings, Ms. Kevine Seigning, Ms. Mihwa Tiba and Mr. Alexis. Many points were raised and in the end Nchia Kamran asked the three representatives to write a detailed report of the findings, which will serve as a reminder for us and as a guide to improve on the situations we face. He recalled what Rev. Edwin said the previous day that these are situations and not problems and that we need to act as mature young adults and take responsibility in resolving the issues within our capacity. After the presentation, we went out and took a group photo. Then Mr. Tamo Desire gave a presentation on a mobilization project that started in Douala and how this project could serve as an example to inspire young people in other regions to take initiative.

After the presentation, some young members expressed their impressions of the general assembly, which is the first of its kind in many years. The session ended with guidance from the national president. He stated that henceforth our young people should base their activities on mobilization projects, which are reliable and viable. After a question and answer session, Rev. Plekhanov encouraged everyone to become active. He added that in the end, what matters most is the number of new people who receive the blessing this year and embrace True Parents' vision. He concluded with a deep prayer to offer all the young people to our Heavenly Parent. We prayed in unison to conclude the general assembly. 



Recently appointed young leaders sought a strategy for effectively recruiting young people. They began by assessing the current state of affairs with probing questions and amassing the responses of the young people who attended a meeting held in mid-January.

young people. Mr. Ernst Paul Kamga coordinated this. Each group tried to identify three problematic situations in the state of the providence in relation to young people and tried to come up with causes and practical methods to resolve the situations at hand. After three hours of deep reflection and cooperative team work, the three groups presented their findings through three representatives who were Ms. Cindy Agwo, Ms. Kevine Seigning and Mr. Ernst Paul Kamga.

After the presentations, we received more orientation from the national president, Rev. Plekhanov, concerning the various issues that the groups had raised. He emphasized that we should not look at them as problems but as situations in need of resolution. These situations will

Rodrigue, and the new executive bureau. Mr. Ndum Benjamin became vice-president of YFWP. Before the installation, Mr. Patrick spoke a bit about the handover before preceding to hand over all the administrative documents to Mr. Rodrigue. Mr. Ndum Benjamin pledged to continue to support YFWP and its new president. After the handover ceremony, we had lunch and continued with the next session at 4:00 PM. This session began with a presentation on the Youth Department by Mr. Nchia Kamran. He explained the role of the Youth Department and the responsibilities of HARP, CARP and YFWP, which are the current functioning youth organizations. He explained the strategy to be put in place to effectively contribute to increase the number of youths who receive the

Cooperating to Spread the Word

CARP Vienna implements CARP America's STEP UP program

By Akio Friesacher

For a while, I have had the wish to give new life and spirit to the young people of our church in Vienna, Austria. This wish emerged after doing a year of Special Task Force (STF Europe) 2013–2014, during which I could more deeply experience what it meant to live a life of faith, a life of sacrifice with love for my brothers and sisters and a life of following in True Parents' footsteps. I wanted to bring back this feeling of working hard for a higher purpose to the young people of my community. However, inspiring and finding young people willing to join or invest themselves into witnessing activities turned out to be challenging. Even though in the beginning not many people wanted to participate, this wish remained strong in my heart. Over time, we found people and initiated gatherings and activities.

With the help of a first-generation member, Robert Stefanc, and some CARPIes, we created a group called the "Vitalizing Youth Group" in the summer of 2015, with the vision of energizing the spirituality and stimulating the heart-based growth of young people. We had weekly gatherings at which we read hoondokhae material, gave lectures or shared experiences or ideas to benefit one another. Later, it turned into a World Scripture study group, in which we even invited guests from a university.

A lively group of Viennese CARP members. The writer is the man in the back wearing glasses.



International connections

After attending the Global Top Gun Workshop in Korea in February 2016, I could make my first contact with CARP America, which seemed to have fresh spirit for reviving CARP. Then at the European Leaders meeting in Prague that year, I met Nina Urbonya, the international liaison from CARP America, again. She planned to take a tour through Europe to present the STEP UP program. Good fortune made it possible for her to visit our community and therefore we organized a meeting at which she could speak to the Viennese CARP members. The content, which was simple, practical and based on the Principle, inspired me. I recognized that this material and the method of presenting it would fit our situation and I saw the potential for it to bring together second-generation members and young university students.

Some details on the program

The Step Up (Student Empowerment through Unification Principles) program is a series of interactive lectures that CARP America designed with the aim of empowering students by engaging them with seven unification principles:

1. We all come from the same common source, a God of love.
2. We all ultimately want to experience joy.
3. Each person is a valuable part of humanity.
4. We have the freedom to create and manifest any possibility.
5. We mature through pursuing truth, beauty and goodness.
6. We can develop genuine relationships through sincere and selfless interaction.
7. We contribute to society through mastery of our unique creativity.

Testing local responses

To be able to utilize these lectures, CARP America offered a webinar for us, which Lukas L. (a member of the Vienna HARP team), Jennifer B. (the Vienna youth pastor) and I (a member of the Vienna CARP team) went through. After completing this webinar, we organized two Step-Up lectures in Vienna in order to try out the new material. In our first lecture, we talked about the unification principle, “We all ultimately want to experience joy.” In this session, we let the participants reflect about what is blocking their way to happiness and how to overcome these obstacles. Fourteen people attended this lecture, including a guest from a university. In the second STEP UP lecture, we presented the principle, We have the freedom to create and manifest any possibility.

Finding momentum

In July, I participated in CARP America’s Global Momentum 2016, a five-day program for CARP members to “gain clarity, confidence, practical skills and a supportive network,” in Las Vegas, Nevada. During that time, I was able to gain a deeper understanding and experience of CARP America’s vision and what the STEP UP program meant in that context. This experience gave me the strength and clarity to take the next steps.

Before the next semester started, Jennifer and I reached out to several CARP members in order to form a core outreach team, but this proved to be rather complicated. Therefore, we held a special lecture for the older HARP members who had just finished high school and who might possibly be interested in our activities. Our plan for the next semester was to have a Step Up lecture every second Thursday combined with a social event every other week. The idea behind this was to focus on internal guidance during one week and the following week to have an opportunity to develop deeper relationships with guests (newcomers, beginners).

A more thorough trial

From October to January, we held seven individual STEP UP lectures at the Vienna CARP Center. CARP

members presented six of these lectures and Dr. Wolfgang Czerny, a first-generation member, presented the last lecture just before the Christmas break. The newcomers were either friends of CARP members, colleagues from university or work, or people to whom first- or second-generation members were witnessing. Besides giving the lectures, several CARP members were always ready to help as master of ceremonies, in preparing the buffet, by taking pictures or simply by being at our events. The number of participants varied from ten to twenty-one. We counted seven newcomers from all the events.

In December, one of our beginners, a young woman who is originally from Albania, joined CARP and the Family Federation. She already knew the Divine Principle from Albania and was happy to find us in Austria. She attended almost all of our lectures, together with two of her Iranian university friends. Another newcomer joined our activities due to an unexpected (or guided) meeting with one of our CARP members on the metro.

A Divine Principle workshop

As a conclusion of our activities for that semester and in order for our regular participants and newcomers to go deeper, we held a one-day Divine Principle workshop in the beginning of February. The motto of this workshop was “Be the change you want to see in the world,” because it connects to the general idea of the STEP UP lectures on developing one’s character and contributing to society.

Altogether, we were twenty-five people: seventeen participants, including five beginners, and eight staff members. We had the chance to listen to lectures from two people (a first- and a second-generation member) on the Principle of Creation, the Human Fall, the Purpose of the Messiah, and the Last Days.

The God question

Group discussions gave participants opportunities to express their reactions to what they had heard. Then, in groups, participants had to argue for or against God’s existence. Each group then selected one member to

take part in a panel discussion on God’s existence. One beginner, who decided to defend God’s existence even though initially he had claimed not to have a strong belief in him, pleasantly surprised us. The debate was very lively, and it made our minds desperate to find arguments for God’s existence. I think that such discussions can help us to strengthen our ability to speak up for our beliefs in society.

The feedback from everyone was generally good. One guest, who had planned to leave the workshop earlier, changed her plans and stayed longer with us; another one hopes for more workshops like this. One CARP member wrote that the number of beginners inspired her and she was able to gain a lot from them, especially in the discussions.

A foundation for growth

The STEP UP program itself and CARP America’s support have definitely helped us develop outreach activities in Vienna and helped the young people of our community build stronger bonds among themselves. The events we held offered opportunities for people to share about their lives, based on the seven unification principles. They have also allowed people who were looking for orientation in their lives to find it.

Seven newcomers in total seems to be a small number, but for us this number represented a big success, because it shows that we can share True Parents’ teachings with other people in our society and that they can also feel inspired by the teachings. I believe that we are opening a way in Vienna for the young people to connect with True Parents’ vision and creating an environment in which they can enact that vision.

For the coming semester, our plan is to build stronger relationships with the beginners and to study the Divine Principle more deeply together so that they come to recognize True Parents’ significance. To bring our character development program to a higher level, one of our plans for this summer is to organize activities in Albania for them. 

Beyond CARP, Mr. Friesacher has a background in art and music.

The Art of Making a Fresh Start

Bucharest, Romania, a 2017 Five-Day Jeon-do Workshop

Happy New Year from Romania! We are ready to offer hope and joy to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents through *jeon-do* (witnessing) activities in 2017. After the holidays, we met in the Peace Embassy January 4-8 and reflected on 2016 and discussed *jeon-do* in order to gain determination to carry on our mission in the main providence in Romania. It was a five-day process of reflecting and studying the meaning and value of *jeon-do* to find strong motivation and determination to do it, centered on our national leader Mr. Jeong.

In the beginning, we were all feeling sorry and hurt because we had not been able to offer good results to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents in 2016. We needed time to accept our results and find hope for this new year. We each reflected on three questions:

1. How close did I come to doing my best?
2. How much could other people have faith in me?
3. How much could I practice my faith?

True Father said that to progress, we cannot just continue without changing. We need to reflect well and accept what we discover. To improve, I need to think of how I can do my best in my mission.

Afterward, we followed what True

Fathers said, "Progress is what we need most, but a question that is more critical than seeking progress is that of how to nurture purity within one's self first." We studied again the meaning and value of *jeon-do* to rediscover our pure motivation.

In the process of discovering *jeon-do*, we discussed the importance of *jeonseong* (sincere devotion), the importance of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* study and lecturing, the meaning of being an Abel who can win people's hearts and who possesses *hyojeong* (a heart of filial piety).

Love for parents

What especially touched all the members' hearts was the heart of filial piety. We thought about parents becoming old but not being able to close their eyes peacefully because they cannot meet a child who left their home. A parent's best wish is to at least once more see their children, hold them and love them. So as children who are with True Parents, we must take the position of Abel and bring God's children back through engendering natural submission. This is the best way to bring hope and joy for Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

At the end of this workshop, we made our 2017 resolution, promising God to offer our best. At Sunday service, we made our offering to Heavenly Parent and True Parents,

and all the members signed the resolution expressing our determination. We are so happy that we can do this holy work, *jeon-do*, and we will be the true children whom God can trust. We will do our best. *Jeon-do* is love; *jeon-do* is life and *jeon-do* is blessing!

Some members' reflections

My intention when coming back to the embassy at the beginning of the year for this workshop was to have an open heart and a prayerful heart and leave the past behind. I can recognize that the direction in which my life goes and how I can grow my heart of faith toward God and True Parents depends on what I decide, how determined I am, how serious I am and how much I can forgive and love.

During the workshop, what inspired me were the necessity of having boundless vitality, the value and the power of love, learning how to work together with God and the spiritual world to build our faith and that through personal responsibility and real action, we determine the kind of subject partner we will be.

I began to think about why *jeon-do* is holy work and how there needs to be constant and sincere devotion so that my investment in the people can truly help them and not destroy them. Even though last year people criticized me, saying my sincere invest-



Romanian members pose with their 2017 resolution after a five-day workshop to reflect on 2016 and move ahead. Mr. Jeong Bong-moon, in the suit, is their national leader.

ment was not real (while I felt sincere and that I had tried my best), it got me thinking that there is no ceiling to my best and every year I need to make effort to see how I can do it better. This was painful but useful.

Our discussion concerning the *Cheon Seong Gyeong* inspired me and it put a good fire in my heart because I really want to study well and be prepared to transmit the word by heart.

I pray that God can use my mind and body to find new life and new hope on his behalf, I pray to be able to become the daughter that he can trust. —Laura

After this holiday, I felt a little difficulty, spiritually; especially when I was thinking about jeon-do. I did not feel capable of doing it. I really need it! This reminded me of the significance of jeon-do and why we need to do it. The idea is that jeon-do is first for me, that it is first an opportunity and a blessing for me to be restored, and if I can do this, I can also witness to others.

I liked this topic about the Cain–Abel relationship. I feel that this is a sensitive topic for us, because it is what we must work at—how to be a good Cain for our Abel and how to be a good Abel for our Cain. Additionally, this is what I want to work on this semester, to be a good Abel and to

conquer my Cain with love.

Another point that I need to work on is finding fresh determination for jeon-do every day, by thinking about the benefits that I can receive from it and the benefits that our guests can receive from coming and studying the *Cheon Seong Gyeong*. —Raluca

This five-day workshop was very good for me to find my determination. I hope I will keep this motivation and drive during the whole condition. I want to do so by studying *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and becoming inspired through reading it and *Cham Bumo Gyeong*.

I become very inspired these days from *Cham Bumo Gyeong*, especially True Father's life course and how determined he was. He knew exactly what position he needed to restore. I deeply respect True Father. In *Cham Bumo Gyeong*, I read amazing things about how he fought to gain acceptance even in the spirit world with God, Jesus and saints. I believe that he grasped, he understood well, his position, that of Messiah. I believe that God prepared him before, prepared the lineage and so on, took care of him. But it is pure merit that he could hold on and strive to become the Messiah. He said that even Jesus and God called him a heretic. I think unimaginable things happened in his life. Still I don't know many things.

If jeon-do is primarily restoration of myself, I should concentrate on each task to gain advantages and make myself a more beautiful person in front of God. I will try to improve things, the environment, wherever I go. I liked hearing, "If you fail to follow and attend God and True Parents, how can you help others? Don't become an obstacle for others seeking to reach God."

—George, first year in the Shimjeong Education System program

This workshop was different from the last one. I felt it was more emotional than practical. That we discussed the relationships among us and how to improve them was good. I think that made the whole workshop worthwhile. If we change this, we change everything. Also by studying the *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and applying it, we can bring amazing results between us and people that we meet through jeon-do. —Alex: second year in the SES program

I think this jeon-do workshop was very useful and practical. It was precious to me that we discussed more about our inner state than about methods of witnessing. Through analyzing and discussing motivation, faith, team-unity and our sincerity openly, I could actually see the real me from last semester and I know I



Following a five-day workshop, during which participants assessed their performance last year and thought through ways to improve, they each signed a 2017 resolution laying out the steps they would take to succeed in the year ahead.

could have done better.

It is my desire to be able to find and raise an object partner together with True Parents. I admit that until now I didn't feel prepared to raise a person. I was afraid that eventually I would lose this person, as has happened to many people before.

After these five days, I realized that I have to fulfill my responsibility with my most sincere heart and truly invest in *Cheon Seong Gyeong* study, in order to feel ready to meet the most prepared object partner.

The time that we could spend together with blessed families and SES members was precious. I am happy to share this mission with them. I feel all past resentments are over among us and we are starting a new year determined.

—Gabriela: second year in the Shimjeong Education System program

This jeon-do workshop was a condition that gave me many answers and helped me make up my mind. Also in this workshop, I learned a lot about what "jeon-do" means, such as the fact that jeon-do is the way to

restore ourselves. I learned, too, about [applying lessons from the biblical figures] Cain and Abel, both of their roles and what they should do and what their positions are.

In jeon-do we must transmit God's word, and depending on how we behave we will be able to receive a validation certificate from God and Satan. If we behave selfishly, we are still under Satan's dominion. If we live for the whole and give our best to fulfill God's providence, Satan will retreat. He will be defeated. Those are some points that remain in my head.

I learned that if I start to compare myself with others, all I will get will be low self-esteem and stress. Stress means that we have negative feelings, so we should focus more on vertical relationships.

Something else that remains in my head is what Miki remembers from True Father's teachings: "If our heart is in pain, that's because our heart is small and God is kicking it so it can grow." This I liked very much. Thank you for this workshop.

—Cinay: first year in the Shimjeong Education System program

Our 2017 Resolution

We pledge to Heavenly Parent and True Parents that we will be the Abel that will save Cain, and that by offering more love than Cain expects, we will bring him to natural submission.

We will transmit God's word, personality and shimjeong by being crazy in love with the *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, which is the power that brings a revolution of the heart.

God can trust us to use our body for finding new life on his behalf and we will do our best to offer hope to Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

By centering on true love, we will work as brothers and sisters to make True Parents' words into substance; by persevering, we will give motivation and determination to object partners.

We promise to offer twelve new active CARP members who will sincerely study *Cheon Seong Gyeong* and four active SES members who are ready to challenge for the higher purpose. We will do our best! Jeon-do is love; jeon-do is life and jeon-do is blessing! 🙏

The Advantages of Forums

Hod Ben Zvi, the president of UPF-Israel, has worked successfully with forums for some time. In this interview, he speaks of why he prefers this format and provides some details of how Israeli members conduct them.

A brother wanted to start an NGO in Jordan, which is very difficult. They said he needed a lawyer and \$30,000 to open an NGO. I said, "Why don't you do a forum? You don't need anything." But he couldn't even think about that. Everybody is under the impression that without being officially registered, you cannot move, you cannot do anything.

I find that the approach, a forum, is much lighter. It's like a lighter gear. A forum is very light. You can change it and you control it. In any country where you have NGOs or NPOs, whatever they call them, you have to abide by the nation's rules and the rules can be very strict, primarily bureaucratic—many forms to fill and so on.

Normally you establish an NGO in a country where you can get some benefits, for example, governmental funds. So people establish NGOs in order to milk, usually, the government, or to fund raise. You can fund raise if you have a registered NGO, but I found it is difficult to fund raise even if you have a registered organization. We had a registered NGO, the Women's Federation, but it was very difficult anyway to raise funds.

The government doesn't even look at you unless you are connected. In most countries, it is like that. Only those who are close to the decision makers can get something. I thought, Why do I have to work so hard in that direction? So, let's go to the forum, and the forum also opened our minds. We realized we could connect to many people in this way.

I remember at first we struggled. Our members struggled. How can I approach people and say, "You are invited to a forum?"—What forum? Whose behind it? Who is that?—We were expecting those questions. So, I thought... OK. You know, there is a Hebrew term that's not easy to translate, *chutzpah*. That's Hebrew, it means something like being "brash." I thought, that should be our approach. We're a forum: If you like us—come; you don't like us? That's OK. People became interested. You know, What is this thing, security? And they came. When they came, they met one another.

The interesting reaction to most of the forums was, This was so enlightening. They get inspired and say, I never learned so much as I learned at your forum. They learn from one another.

We are very happy when it becomes a platform for new friendships. We don't keep it [as our result], hold on and say, That's mine. We even encourage them to take ideas and run with them, especially in the interfaith forum. When rabbis meet imams and they like each other. They might say, Could you help me contact that imam? I have a project in his neighborhood and I



Sheik Samir Aasi, is imam of the El-Jazzar Mosque in Acre, and a member of the interfaith forum. Certainly dialogue between Muslims and Jews in Israel is of vital importance.



A 2015 Peace and Security Forum on the Battle of Survival for the Druze in Syria; Druze are loyal to the country in which they live. Israelis respect this. Yet, the Druzes' loyalty in Syria may have disastrous consequences.

need him to come to give a lecture to my students. We say, Sure! We call the imam and make the connection. A lot of interaction can happen after that between them, and we want to be an open platform that provides opportunities. We do not want to hold it as if it is our private asset, but create good interaction, sometimes a little more on the intellectual side. Because it is an exchange, it is not purely academic.

It is semi-academic but it has a format—like a panel where two people speak and we have two respondents and then we open it to discussion. We change the form from time to time.

One funny thing: I asked one of our sisters, she is a mother to five children, I said, “OK. You are in charge of Peace and Security.” She said, “Peace and Security? I’m doing peace with my children. What do you want?” I said, “Just study a bit. It will be OK.” So, she looked into it, and then she went right to the top. She got people like a former head of the Secret Service. These types of people were coming in, not small fry. We conduct those meetings, so we just had to set them one with another and look as if we know everything... and it works. We learned too, because we listen. We are growing our own understanding, so we can provide more and more input.

I have inspirations: There is an issue about Syria, let’s talk about Syria; some issue arises about Egypt,

let’s talk about Egypt. So things related either to an ongoing issue or what I could predict would be the next “thing.” That drew interest from among the experts and they come together.

Another point of strength was that it’s interdisciplinary. In other words, we bring people not just from a very narrow field but from other fields close by. For example, economics and security, or people who were formerly in the secret service and the police. So different angles, different walks of life that we bring together creates stimulation in the discussion.

Over time, we became confident that we could put together a forum on any topic we like and set it almost anywhere. Now we do it with minimal expense because we can easily get a place in a university, a public center, or so on.

Did you make any mistakes that you learned from?

Well, we tend to work on short notice; that is our character. You get better results if you give people a little time to prepare. That’s all I can think of. We never had any repercussions.

How much time?

I think it is good to give them a couple of months’ notice but normally we give them about two weeks. Some people make plans a year ahead. We have come to under-

stand that serious people work that way. We need to be more compatible with the standards of society.

Another point: I don’t think it’s a mistake but a way we improved our strategy. The ideas were more sporadic in the beginning. We had an inspiration about this or about that, but if you have a consistent system, you can build up toward some direction. You build a track record: We spoke about this, that, this and this and therefore we are arriving now at this topic. That takes more planning. We are multi-tasking. The same sister who is a mother of five and running the peace and security forum, the next day she is doing Women’s Federation and the next day she is doing a whole other thing. That’s how we all work.

What I would like to do more of, something we did in the beginning, is involve more of our second-generation members. For them it is excellent exposure and they see people that are considered to be experts by society, in important positions. They get used to them. They see they are just people and if we have good relations with them everything is fine. In the beginning, we involved them more but now can’t always get everyone in.

We run them on minimum power; two or three members at a time run a forum. The planning is done by one person and actually executing the meeting itself, maybe two or three maximum.

Is there an audience?

We’ve done that too. The original format was just a closed circle, like about twelve people sitting together in a university around a table, but we did try to have it at a school where we had an audience. Actually, this is the next thing we want to do. We want to have more students, because they have an interest and the forum participants, the speakers have more interest when there is a crowd of students. We have done that, but the basic mode was convening privately, but the proceedings of the meetings were published.

Do the speakers submit papers?

Rarely. Mostly they have their written notes, which we did not require them to submit. We took



A meeting of the Jerusalem Interfaith Forum for Cooperation Among Religions: Hod Ben Zvi is at far left; Dr. Nurit Hirschfeld, the writer of the article beginning on page 66 is at far right: They were discussing the idea of introducing interfaith topics in Israeli schools, which Sheik Samir Aasi (fourth from the left) suggested.

our own notes, which were the base for our own reports, mainly to UPF.

Do you ever record it?

No. We took photos, not video, because we did not want to disturb too much and we did not have a large enough staff. We didn't think of the content as being ground-breaking material or a new innovative idea that needed to be published. It is more of an opportunity for people to meet one another and for us to get in contact with them and build friendships. That was our basic view, and we came to know many people in this way. At a certain point, we might find it appropriate for certain forums. It needs more preparations—submitting papers.... It will be more formal. People will be more articulate, more careful about how they present things.

Also, we did a lot. We did about sixteen forums a year, given the amount of human resources we have, it was a lot, but that was the pace that we set for ourselves. For this year, we are planning something similar.

We are still in the process of charting our path for this year, 2017, but we like this method. We think we can expand to cover other important topics, such as economics.

On the Abel UN

When True Parents talked about the Abel UN the original idea was having another camera within the UN,

which is mostly political—the *hyeong sang* [external] side of things. We thought the religious side needed to be present there, so since it was not done, True Parents found a different way to do it. I thought that mostly in our movement we start things from the top down; sometimes from the waist down. If there is something on the international level, I thought you have to have something at the grass-roots level, because usually it is like that, moving from the grassroots up. There was nothing like that, just the declaration from the top [to create the Abel UN]. I tried to fulfill the grass-root level. That was my motivation.

How do I create a national council that is a reflection of the Abel UN? We started with the forums. One was the Interfaith Forum and the other was on Peace and Security in order to create in miniature, two "houses" that are developing. At this point, we are bringing them together. We have had several conferences in which we brought the religious leaders together with the peace and security type of people. At first, it seemed very odd, but they enjoyed it a lot. That surprised us. For them, it was interesting—two completely different angles.

This has to grow. For the final level, we want to grow from that to a think tank. A think tank requires more. I got advice from Dr. Walsh, he said don't jump into it, because when you declare

yourselves a think tank, it requires a lot of funding and so on. People want an institute and salaries, so don't go there. That was good advice.

Forums don't require that much expense, but we want to go from that to a sort of virtual think tank, and from there my goal is to have a national advisory board. It would be a copy or the image of the idea of an Abel UN—a board that advises the government on what is the right direction to go, based on experts from both the external field and the internal field.

Decision makers are always looking for new ideas; they don't always have ideas. So, why not give them good ideas? I have already had this experience with legislators. I gave them an idea and they took it, because it is useful for their career, but it is useful for me to give them something from within my own beliefs—something that has to do with better morals or the betterment of the lives of the people. They take the idea and they keep the credit for themselves, which I am fine with, as long as they do something good for society.

I want to use it in that way, to have an influence that can improve the quality of life, the moral field, everything that has to do with our ideal image. That's the purpose. From a forum, we want to go all the way to a national council. *TP*

Hod Ben Zvi is the president of UPF-Israel.

Substantiating True Parents' Teachings on Loving Your Enemy

Israeli UPF, WFWP and FFWP chapters' efforts for the sake of the Syrian People

By Nurit Hirschfeld

Recent polls in Israel show that the public is very concerned about the grave events occurring in Syria, our neighboring nation. While 87 percent opposes military intervention, around 65 percent would like to increase Israel's humanitarian aid to Syria. Such notions explain the long array of Israeli NGOs providing aid to Syrian refugees after removing any written trace of the origin of the aid. Given that Syria is an enemy of Israel, those numbers are especially interesting.

Prayers

On Saturday, December 24, a prayer for the sake of Syrian children took place in Netanya, a city in Israel's Northern District, in the Synagogue of Rabbi Dr. Edgar Nof, a senior member of the Jerusalem Forum for Understanding and Cooperation among Religions, UPF, Israel. "May God shower his mercy upon you," prayed one. "May the world show mercy for your misery and may the children of Syria have joy and light,



Prayers for the health and safety of Syrian people ring out in an Israeli mosque.

salvation and redemption,” added others. No enemy existed in the hearts of the people, as they expressed in their prayers their sincere care for human beings who are suffering. “We worry for you and love you very much,” concluded one of the prayers.

Humanitarian aid

WFWP Israel and UPF Israel took part in a national humanitarian operation to collect various materials that act as a shield against the harshness of winter, of which displaced Syrians were in desperate need. This was to be transferred to Syria. Students in youth movements together with the Combat Genocide Association led the operation, named operation Human Warmth.

Mrs. Adi Sassaki, the president of WFWP Israel, and Mrs. Liel Willer-Hill the vice president of WFWP Israel in collaboration with the Human Warmth operation coordinated deliveries of blankets and clothing for the refugees in Syria.

Mrs. Tamam Wakid-Dabbaha, a school principal from Gdeyda Maker, encouraged her village's families to offer warm coats and blankets. Gdeyda Maker formed from the merger of two Arab towns, a short distance from the coastal city Acre, is in Israel's Northern District. They collected donations within her school and in four other schools in her town. From there, on January 16, they were delivered to the collection center, before being brought to their destination, Syrian refugee camps.

An Israeli Army field hospital

With funds from the Ministry of Defense, the Israeli Army is operating a field hospital in the Golan Heights, close to Syria. Syrian people arrive at the border to request medical treatment from the Israeli military medical staff. They staff provides medical treatment to everyone, regardless of his or her religion, group or organization. In an interview on Israeli television, in January 2014, the Israeli Defense Forces chief

medical officer, Brigadier General Yitzak Kreis, said, “I want to give them what I know to be best as a doctor—to save their lives, to give them hope.”

Medical treatments in Israeli hospitals

From the field hospital, they transfer the severely injured to hospitals in Israel. One of the main hospitals, which has treated Syrian victims since 2011, is Ziv Hospital in Sefat. The treatment of wounded Syrians in Israel costs more than \$33 million a year, funded by the government Ministries of Defense, Health and Finance. Yet, it is not enough. The Middle East Peace Forum of UPF Japan, chaired by Mr. Ikuzo Kobayashi and founded by Mr. Masatoshi Abe, has visited the hospital and provided donations.

Raising funds

In December, through mass fund raising (crowdsourcing), 1.3 million Israeli Shekel [US \$346,500] was raised for the sake of humanitarian aid for the refugees in Syria in less than a week. The Israeli Flying Aid organization, a non-profit NGO, that took upon itself the mission to deliver aid to Syria, led the fund raising operation.

The following words, spoken in 2013 by Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, chief Rabbi of Israel (1993–2003) reveal the religious and moral motivation of the humanitarian aid described above: “When we hear about death from chemical weapons in our neighbor country, we cannot continue in our regular daily life. We should raise a loud voice of protest so that the UN, the government in America, the European Union and Moscow will do the necessary deeds to stop this massive massacre. The voice of the blood of those slaughtered cries out to us from the ground saying, Stop! This is the right moment for the Israeli Knesset to call all the other legislatures in the world, to set up a day of protest, hoping that this worldwide shouting will move the relevant governments to do actual deeds and stop the horrors that are occurring in Syria.” 

Dr. Hirschfeld is the secretary general of UPF-Israel.



Materials going to Syria from Israel after all evidence of the origin nation was removed



A collection point for materials bound for Syria

Eternal Connections

Below is a January 24 Facebook posting by Gilbert Starr, an early American member, about a dream he had that moved his heart.

Following that is his testimony of experiences he had in America with True Family members.

By Gilbert Starr



I needed to pray for three days before sharing a profound dream and spiritual experience I had with our beloved True Parents, Hyo Jin nim and Heung Jin nim, a few days ago. I study True Parents' words and the Bible without fail every day. In late December 2016, I was diagnosed with pneumonia and influenza. My condition was life threatening. I was very ill for over a month. I could barely speak for three weeks. After overcoming the illness, by the grace of God, our Heavenly Parent, I was still very weak and fell into a deep sleep in my car. I dreamed all night and had a profound spiritual experience.

The experience

True Father, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon, appeared and began to share beautiful words of truth. He said that all blessed families are part of God's royal family of true love! He told me that together with Jesus and numerous saints and angels, they



These business cards are mementos from Gilbert's years working with Hyo Jin Moon in the entertainment business sphere.

are cleaning up and reorganizing the entire spiritual world. He said that I must bless 430 families on earth, fulfilling tribal messiahship and Home Church at the same time. He said that this victory and condition would give me total freedom to enter through any of the twelve gates of the heavenly kingdom and total freedom to travel anywhere in the spiritual world as a direct child and representative of God, our Heavenly Parent and of True Parents! He taught me so many things; I cannot share them all right now. He also showed me beautiful places in the spiritual world. I felt love that I have never felt on earth. It is hard to explain my experience, because there is nothing to compare it with. Then True Father said, Continue to love and support True Mother! You know well that we are one! You know, too, that we have fulfilled all that the Heavenly Parent has asked of us. He then said, You

must fulfill your responsibilities and help True Mother complete the will on earth. He said, You must help educate the 7.3 billion people on earth about the advent of True Parents. Then, True Mother appeared and True Father embraced her and said, your wife Gladys is working hard in this world of spirit, educating both your family, tribe and ancestors, and her family, tribe and ancestors in the spiritual world.

Then, Hyo Jin nim, True Parents eldest son, whom I loved and worked with on earth, and his younger brother, Heung Jin nim, whom I also loved and worked with on the earth, appeared. They both said, You see Gilbert, we are truly one family under God, our Heavenly Parent! They both told me to work hard, to fulfill my responsibilities and to comfort the heart of True Parents by fulfilling Heaven's will. They said, Fulfill what the Heavenly Parent and True

Parents have asked you to do and help others to do the same. Then, my beloved wife Gladys appeared and shared so much love with me. If I tried to share all the things that I experienced, I would have to write a book. I pray that you, the reader of this message can grasp the heart of what I have shared in this brief report from Heaven!

Background

I was blessed to have a close friendship with Hyo Jin nim and Heung Jin nim. I had a serious and wonderful history with both of them. My friendship with Heung Jin nim began when I was serving as a security guard under the leadership of our precious brother, Gerhard Peemoller (1945–2015) at the World Mission Center, in New York City, from the late 1970s to the early 1980s. I worked with East Garden security brothers whenever True Parents visited the New Yorker Hotel.



Gilbert with Heung Jin nim; they shared a love for martial arts. Heung Jin nim frequently spoke to Gilbert about the importance of protecting True Parents.

Heung Jin nim

I remember many beautiful experiences that I had with True Parents and the True Family in those days. Many times, I was assigned to be Heung Jin nim's bodyguard. I remember one day bringing Heung Jin nim to my room in the New Yorker to introduce him to Bruce Lee movies. He was amazed. I was teaching martial arts to some of our members at that time. Heung Jin nim became inspired to study martial arts from that time.

One time I invited him to visit my Home Church area with me in Lower Manhattan. We would share and talk about many things. We would drink coffee and eat Chinese coconut buns and pork buns. My

Home Church area was near Chinatown. Heung Jin nim would always share about his love for True Parents and about how much he wanted to protect them. He was such a loving person and a loving son of our True Parents and Heavenly Parent. He always wanted to give me something when we met. One time he told me, Gilbert, True Father gave me this watch as a special gift and I want to give it to you. I said to him, Heung Jin, I cannot take this from you; I am not worthy. But, he insisted, and said True Parents love you very much, so please take it. He said, This is my gift from me to you. I was moved to tears and received it with two hands, because I knew that this was

a gift from Heaven and from his deep heart. On many occasions, we would meet and he would embrace me, and he would always share his love for True Parents with me.

I will never forget the day I received the news that Heung Jin nim had been in a car accident. I had felt something strange that whole day from the morning. You all remember the broken-heartedness we all felt. The last point that I would like to share is how God, our Heavenly Parent, moved me to buy a seven-foot tall flower arrangement as an offering for Heung Jin nim's Seungwha Ceremony. I was blessed to be able to attend his ceremony with True Parents and the True Family. At the time, I was

working as the executive director of Minority Alliance International, Inc. On the morning of Heung Jin nim's Seungwha Ceremony, I was moved to go to a florist to purchase the tall flower arrangement of white lilies, roses and carnations. I had to rent a van, and it barely fit. I felt a heart of desperation to get to Belvedere on time. I had a gold and white ribbon placed on the arrangement reading, "God's True Son."

When I arrived at Belvedere and knocked on the door of the main house, one East Garden security brother answered and said that my name was not on the list of invited guests. Of course, my heart was broken. I said to him, Heung Jin nim was my friend and I felt God calling me to attend Heung Jin nim at this time. So, the brother went to report the situation to the leadership. Then, a senior elder came out and told me that the ceremony was private and I could not attend. I asked him to please allow me to make this offering on behalf of Minority Alliance International. He then looked into my eyes and said, "Simon of Cyrene, you may enter!"¹

This being the very first Seungwha Ceremony in history, it was so important. I remember how pure and holy the atmosphere was to this very day. True Parents were so serious and yet so loving. I remember wanting to testify to Heung Jin nim so much. Yet, something deep within told me to stay silent. True Father expressed strongly the importance of not crying, but it was very difficult not to. We know through True Father's words that he was making an offering to Heaven. This helped me understand why I was moved to remain silent. I felt that I would have burst into tears, and that was not appropriate at that time.

True Father, asked members of the True Family to give testimonies, including Mrs. Lee's son who was in the accident with Heung Jin nim, and whose life Heung Jin nim had saved. I remember that when everyone had left the room, I was moved to remain and approach where Heung nim was and touch his holy body, over his heart, and pray.

The last thing that I would like to share is how much the heart of our beloved True Mother was broken to offer such a precious son! This is why as filial children we must comfort True Mother's heart by fulfilling our responsibilities.

Hyo Jin nim

Sometime in 1990, I do not recall the month, perhaps September, Hyo Jin nim accepted my request to be part of his team at the Manhattan Center. I had developed relationships with many very famous American entertainers, including Michael Jackson and the Jackson family. I became an employee at the Manhattan Center and pledged to Hyo Jin nim that I would bring new business into the audio and video studios that he worked so hard to create. The first project that I brought in was the world-renowned group Kool and the Gang. I inspired them to record an entire album in the Manhattan Center. The album title was "Unite." I quickly added many new artists and projects from artists including Vincent Herbert, Toni Braxton, Joe, Color Me Badd, Mary J. Blige and many others. That I matched my words with deeds inspired Hyo Jin nim and made him very happy. I began to report to him directly, and we became good friends from that time. I truly experienced God's heart and love through Hyo Jin nim. He really loved and cared for all of his members. He gave great love to my family. Within three months, he blessed me to the position of vice-president of the Manhattan Center, and president

of a new company that we created under his leadership, Tribal Concerts International, Inc. Even, after my employment at Manhattan Center, we remained friends and communicated with each other concerning different projects.

Hyo Jin nim also helped me when I became the personal manager for the legendary singer, actress and Tony Award winning artist Melba Moore. Because of Hyo Jin nim's love and support, and the love and support of Dr. Yang, Melba and I were able to support True Mother during True Parents' Fifty-State and twelve-city speaking tours. Hyo Jin nim's deep heart and love for our Heavenly Parent and True Parents always inspired me. I never met anyone in our movement who was more righteous than Hyo Jin nim. He always encouraged everyone to be the best that we could be for our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Once he told me always to do things that will protect and bring honor and bring glory to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. He also said we must live and die in the right way, for our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I am eternally grateful to have known and worked with True Parents' precious eldest son. Hyo Jin nim created and produced many beautiful musical tracks for Melba Moore as a gift. We have this music made exclusively for her. He poured his heart into this beautiful music. We hope to get permission from Yeon Ah nim to release it to the public someday or to have Hyo Jin nim's children, who are great musicians, do something with these masterpieces. There is simply too much detail to report. I hope that this will give our worldwide family and readers an idea of just how loving and how great and how much of a musical genius Hyo Jin nim is! 

Gilbert and Gladys Starr received the blessing in 1982; she ascended in 2012. They have four children.

¹ The Bible records soldiers compelling Simon of Cyrene to carry the cross for an exhausted Jesus. Mark 15:21-22, Matthew 27:32 and Luke 23:26; Cyrene was a city in Libya, Africa, so traditionally Simon is said to have been a black man.

Making New Friends and Singing for True Parents

By Josef Buergi



In the beginning, we started by going to a three-day workshop to practice two songs to perform for True Parents' birthday. After we arrived at the location at 2:00, we first watched the staff perform two songs, "True Parents' birthday" and "Tongil Arirang." They then separated us by alto and soprano. We practiced the two songs a lot with only a couple of five-ten minute breaks throughout the weekend. After singing for two hours, we finally ate a delicious dinner. Then we went back to singing the songs from 6:00 to 10:00. My favorite song, of the two, was "Tongil Arirang," because I loved doing the sign language movements with our arms. Then we had a closing and I met our three new roommates, the other four were friends of mine already. We became close to them and had a good relationship with them. We went to sleep and woke at 5:00 to do hoondokhae. After that, we sang the songs again before breakfast. Our schedule was tough; we sat down the whole day and sang the two songs. Staff members helped us Westerners, because we were having a hard time memorizing the Korean song. Their helping us gave me more energy to sing.

After singing the whole day on Saturday, we became tired and I honestly felt like giving up. So, I started to think about what I should

do. I asked myself what True Father would do. What I came up with was that he would never give up and would go through the difficulties and see what was lying on the other side. So, that was what I did. I decided to keep singing even if I was tired. I reminded myself that what was on the other side was a chance to see True Mother and perform for her after all the hard days in the workshop.

Yute caused voice strain

We practiced the song for True Parents' birthday every day after school. However, I lost my voice when I played yute, so I couldn't practice singing. Then on February 1, we went to the church in Seoul. There I met everyone from the workshop and practiced the songs there from 2:30 to 6:00 pm. I also made many new friends again. (We even made a secret handshake). Then we practiced singing from 7:00 to 10:00 pm and left to go to a spa where we slept overnight.

We slept at around 11:30 pm and woke up around 4:00 am. We arrived at the Cheongshim Peace World Center around 6:00 am. When we got there, we practiced singing the songs. I was amazed that my voice came back as I was singing in the morning. So when the time came for all the sec-

ond-generation members to sing, I was able to sing for the True Parents' birthday. During the event, I was able to feel a little bit of True Mother's love.

When I looked at the crowd, I was astonished by how many people were there to celebrate True Parents' birthday. This was also the first time I had been in the Cheongshim Peace World Center. Several people gave speeches about True Parents. I was able to understand that some people agree with True Parents' teachings but aren't able to believe that True Father is the Messiah. After the speeches, True Mother cut the cake and the performances began. I was able to see how talented some people are. I also imagined how hard they must have worked to be that good. In one part of the performance, I went to the men's room and I met my pastor from San Leandro, California in America.

When we sang "True Parents' Birthday" and "Tongil Arirang" for True Parents, I felt that True Parents were happy to see us second-generation members performing for them. It was also the first time for me to see The Little Angels perform onstage. To sum it up, I had good experiences and was able to feel True Parents' love during the birthday celebration. 

The Gifts that Harmony Brings

By Piero Ricardo Balbin



I looked forward to going to this three-day workshop. When I arrived, fitting in was somewhat hard at first; I was a foreigner and though I was with other foreigners, there were many Koreans. As soon as we started the songs, I started getting into it. I enjoyed the singing. The rhythms were unique, and learning the songs was fun.

Mealtimes were a time to rest our throats and get our energy back from using it all on singing. That night, we had our regular closing and sang as usual. We had Korean roommates, who were nice. Talking in both English and Korean was fun.

The next day we awoke early and had hoondokhae in Korean. I read it along with everyone else. We read about fifteen to twenty paragraphs from Cheon Seong Gyeong and sang songs. Then we went for breakfast, our holy food. After breakfast, singing practice resumed. For the song "Tongil Arirang," we learned sign language, which was not easy to learn, especially since it was in Korean. Even the Koreans were having a hard time with it. We sang and danced the rest of the day between meals, breaks and snacks.

Then closing happened, and closing was something else. I got separated from the Western program brothers as I came in. I sat with a loud *hyeong* (older brother)

on one side of me, and the wall on the other. All I remember about that closing were the special parts. I remember the singing, the individual prayer and the atmosphere very well. The atmosphere was amazing, something I hadn't felt before. I felt the atmosphere when we were all singing holy songs. Everyone's spirit was strong; everyone sang loudly. I felt tears coming, because it was so nice to sing all together. Those around me singing loudly, especially the *hyeong* next to me, made me sing louder and with more spirit. You'd think it wouldn't sound nice, but it sounded beautiful. I felt my spirit grow while singing. I hadn't heard those Korean songs before, but I was able to sing with the Koreans with barely any hesitation. We then had individual prayer. I prayed deeply about all those around me in the workshop, being grateful for all who have cared for me and for being able to perform for True Parents.

The next day, I tried to sing better, to focus more, keep my back straight and sing loudly, because the night before I realized that even small things you do can affect other people to do well, or not. I tried to do well so others might feel inspired to sing well, too. We sang until 5:00 and went back to our dorm. I felt we all im-

proved so much in just a few days. We sang very well before we left, which made me have a good feeling about the performance.

Our performance

Then True Parents' birthday celebration came. We arrived at the stadium very early. Increasingly, I felt nervous, but I still felt happy about singing in front of everyone including True Parents. When True Mother arrived, my eyes were watery again. I love it whenever Mother comes out to see all of us. I could feel her good spirit and I felt grateful for being able to sing for her.

When our performance came, we all stood, and I became nervous. My hands and legs were shaking. As soon as we started, I sang the best I could. After we sang a bit, I forgot how nervous I was. I just kept singing. When we ended, I felt we all did fantastic. I was happy I was able to do something for True Parents on their birthday, knowing they have done so much for us. I never imagined being able to do something like this: coming to Korea for GOP and then performing for True Parents. The meal we received was delicious. I was glad to eat it with Korean brothers next to me, conversing in Korean. Overall, I am grateful for being able to see True Mother with my own eyes and to sing for her on her birthday. 

Love God, Love Humankind, Love Your Country

The General Orientation Program (GOP) moved to the HJ Cheonwon complex (the broad area around Cheon Jeong Gung and the Cheongpyeong Training Center) from the Sun Hwa Arts School in Seoul in September 2016, and True Mother gave us a new school name the Sun Hak Institute of Korean Studies for Foreign Blessed Children. True Parents wish to enable non-Korean blessed children (aged 12–15) to have an opportunity to learn True Parents' language, faith and traditions. We have now settled into the Sun Hak Institute of Korean Studies and are under Prof. Yeon Ah Moon's direction.

True Parents initiated the ten-month General Orientation Program in 1982, with the aim of encouraging students from around the world to learn the Korean language, Korean culture and the Unificationist way of life. Students live and study together with their peers from around the world, which allows them to broaden their perspective not only by encountering different cultures and languages, but also by learning to live harmoniously with different personality types. They practice a life of faith, with daily hoondokhae and evening closing sessions, daily writing of reflections, weekly attendance at Sunday services, and participation in major church events.



Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, who oversees the Sun Hak Institute of Korean Studies for Foreign Blessed Children, receiving flowers from a student on the day the institute was dedicated to Heaven

Everyone who comes to GOP learns Korean, but also grows in heart and spirit.

At the end of 2014, True Mother assigned to us a new principal, Yeon-Ah nim, Hyo-Jin nim's wife. She has since taken a deep interest in our students and our program, which has helped to strengthen it. Despite her busy schedule, she has spent time with the students, encouraging them in their studies. Yeon-Ah nim points out that "only for a limited time will our young people have the opportunity to meet True Mother and participate in her activities here in Korea.

This is therefore a very precious opportunity for second- and third-generation members."

The Western dormitory superintendent (dormitory parents) since GOP year 2015–2016 are Rev. Olaleye Isaiah Alao and his wife Takako. Rev. Alao served as national leader of Nigeria for eight years. Mrs. Takako Alao also has experience as a teacher and counselor. We are confident that this couple is taking good care of the blessed children, guiding them well in developing their lives of faith, and providing a warm and stable dormitory life.



Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, staff members and students on December 18, 2016, the day of the dedication of their new facilities within HJ Cheonwon

Our True Mother directed that the dormitory and school of the General Orientation Program now be in HJ Cheonwon from the beginning of the 2016–2017 GOP year. We are now under the direct care and love of our True Mother! If we do select a blessed child to attend GOP, he or she will receive True Mother's scholarship for tuition.

The dormitory

True Father established the World Student Garden of brothers and sisters in 1982 as GOP's dormitory for the Japanese and the Western programs. The WSG now has two dormitories, the Sun Hak and Seon Jeong dormitory.

The Sun Hak Dormitory, in HJ Cheonwon, is for the GOP and PREP programs. The Seon Jeong Dormitory, on the Seoul's west side is for students who went through the GOP and PREP programs and want to continue studying in Korean schools for middle school and high school. True Mother had this dormitory built for foreign students.

Information about the school

The school period starts at the beginning of September, and the graduation takes place in June of the following year. The curriculum covers Korean class—listening, speaking, reading, writing, grammar, Korean culture, English, Math, Social Studies,

Divine Principle, and Tongil Modoo (martial arts). Optional music lessons are also available. We require that the local church recommend the student. We accept applications from March to June yearly.

Beyond their involvement in academic and internal education, students participate in monthly field trips, Culture of Heart Festivals, Korean speech contests, sports festivals, birthday parties, church events and the Cheongpyeong Great Works workshops.

Qualifications and entrance

Our program is for second- and third-generation Unificationists, blessed children aged twelve to fifteen. The child must have completed elementary school (sixth grade) by August of the entrance year. He or she must have a basic understanding of the purpose of studying in Korea and must be prepared to follow the school schedule and all dormitory rules. The child needs to be healthy, both physically and spiritually and able to communicate in English.

Specifically, the student needs 1) a letter from his or her local church pastor recommending the child. 2) Please send the application with a picture, a photocopy of your child's passport and other documents deemed necessary. 3) We will then meet with your by Skype. 4) The recommendation of the principal of

the Sun Hak Institute of Korean Studies for Foreign Blessed Children is necessary. 5) Once the student receives approval, to receive True Mother's Wonmo scholarship, parents are required to pay the first dorm fee and other expenses. 6) The dorm parents will send you all information about the school and the dormitory schedule and policies.

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A note on further studies

After completing the one-year General Orientation Program, the student has the option of remaining in Korea to continue studying here at a Korean public middle school. Our institute provides an additional half-year program of intensive Korean language study called PREP after GOP in preparation for Korean middle school. You would have the opportunity to attend the historic Sun Jung Middle and High school, which True Mother attended as an adolescent. ☞



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