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An Unexpected Encounter, A Changed Life Forever

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When I accepted the call from God to become a Roman Catholic priest, it was in my early youth. I had no idea where the pursuit of priesthood would lead me. All I knew is that I possessed a burning desire to serve God and God's people. After a circuitous course of study and preparation that led me from my small native town of New Bern, North Carolina, to the very heart of universal Catholicism in Rome, Italy, I was ordained a Roman Catholic priest in July 1974.

After serving faithfully as a priest for fifteen years, my life took a dramatic turn. As a Christian, I no longer felt that Roman Catholicism could respond to the profound spiritual, religious and cultural needs of either those whom I served or myself. Something seemed to be lacking or incomplete and, once again, I found myself in pursuit of my calling by God. It was a very painful and challenging decision but I felt, nonetheless, that there was no other recourse. It would mean a break with Roman Catholicism but not with Christianity or the universality of Catholicism.

In July of 1989, I, along with several African-Americans who were also disenchanted with Roman Catholicism, established the Imani Temple African-American Catholic Congregation. The drastic decision was more than a notion! My whole world changed at that time, I thought, yet I found solace in feeling that I had finally reached a point where I would spend the rest of my life fully devoted to leading and developing a viable Catholic alternative to Roman Catholicism that would minister to the spiritual aspirations of its adherents. Then, in 2001, an unexpected encounter happened. Everything changed and my whole world was turned inside out and upside down! I encountered the True Parents!

No one ever could have convinced me that meeting the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his beloved wife, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, would cause such a dramatic change in my personal life as well as in my understanding of the Bible and Christianity. True Parents made everything so clear to me, even to the point of leaving celibacy behind and realizing the importance of the Blessing of Marriage which led not only to a matching with a beautiful spouse but the producing of two incredibly gifted sons. I was immediately and completely drawn and captivated because I saw in them what I had been searching for and desiring within myself: a consecrated life in marriage in which I could find fulfillment and wholeness by "living for the sake of others" with no regard for my own personal needs or comfort. As I came to learn intensely about True Father's life course, I realized that he had accepted the call of God and the anointing of Jesus in his early youth to unite World Christianity by working assiduously to establish the kingdom of God on earth, a world of true and lasting peace with the capacity to even love one's enemies! It would eventually lead to a break with his Presbyterian roots and set him on a path to establish the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. At last, I had found my master teachers and much more than that! I had discovered the Lord of the Second Advent!

True Father and True Mother are God's gift to humanity! They remain one! Even though True Father is one with God in the spirit world, True Mother remains one with God and her beloved husband as she continues to bring into fulfillment, as the Mother of Peace and God's only begotten daughter, the divine providential mission that was bequeathed to them by God from the very beginning of their anointed calling. They are the substantial manifestation of God's presence among us and they deserve our filial piety and devotion, our unwavering loyalty and gratitude.

I am their true student, their true son. Meeting them was not a chance encounter, it was a providential encounter that has changed my life forever! I fully embrace their providential mission and purpose. Nothing for me is the same as a result of having been exposed to their teachings and example, lives lived in consecrated service to God and all humankind. There is no one like them! Let us all become true disciples and ambassadors for peace as we unite with True Parents, especially True Mother, in ushering in Cheon Il Guk, the kingdom of God on earth! Then, and only then, will we find true peace! 

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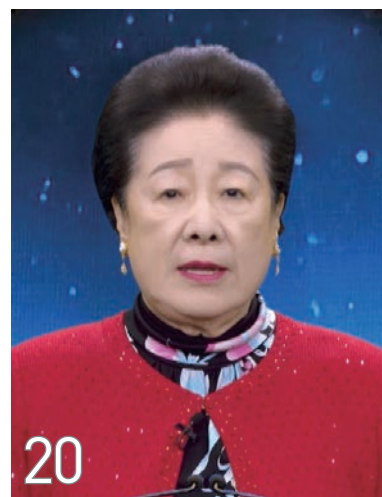
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The New Future of Christianity

This is an excerpt of the speech True Father delivered on March 9, 1974 at the Hyatt Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama, during a thirty-two-city speaking tour of the United States.



The venue, forty-seven years ago, when True Father delivered this speech to the people of Alabama, in the southeast portion of the United States

Ladies and gentlemen who have gathered here this evening:

Let us ponder the matter of how the returning Lord will come in the future. There are dual prophecies in the New Testament, just as in the Old Testament. It means that today's Christians are in the exact same position as the Jews at Jesus' time. The only differences are that the Christian sphere has been expanded globally and that Christianity does not have both the flesh and the spirit, for it only has the spirit. It does not have a nation. In other words, it does not have a foundation on the national level like the chosen people of Israel. Why is this so? It is because Jesus died. Therefore, we need to understand that its position is inferior to that of Judaism at Jesus' time.

Jesus succeeded in becoming the spiritual king. In other words, in spite of the fact that God's will is to save humanity, to exile Satan, and to become the king, due to the death of Jesus, God was unable to subjugate Satan's world on earth completely. Since this will of establishing a nation that God can govern, by exiling Satan and making Jesus its king, could not be fulfilled, and since it is the Messiah who needs to fulfill this will, he must come again. Therefore, all Christians



in the world need to become one and then, centering on the Coming Lord, they need to make a strong global nation that goes far beyond the mistakes of the past, in order to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth.

In the Book of Revelation 1:7, it is prophesied that the Lord will come on the clouds. First Thessalonians 5:2, on the other hand, states that he will come like a thief. How can he come like a thief when he comes on the clouds? Can you decide on your own not to believe in the Lord who comes like a thief and only believe in the Lord who comes on the clouds? If you believe that he comes on the clouds, you are the same as the people of the Old Testament when they believed in Elijah and the Messiah coming on the clouds. If, on the other hand, he comes like a thief, as 1 Thessalonians tells us, he will come as a human being.

Based on how God has carried out his work in the Old Testament Age, do you think that Jesus will come on the clouds? If you believe that, you will end up seizing and killing him again. The people who believe in Jesus will seize and kill the one who comes again.

What I am saying is that it is best to be open to both prophecies and



True Parents with local dignitaries

affirm that he could come on the clouds and he could just as well come as a human being. Why? Well, if the people who believe that he comes on the clouds see that he has come as a man, they might seize him and kill him. However, if you believe that the Lord will come as a man, and then he comes on the clouds, you will undoubtedly welcome him. It is written in Revelation 12:5, "And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron," saying, in effect, that a woman will give birth to the Messiah. Until now, the church had no other way of interpreting this passage other than attaching it to a coming on the clouds.

However, let me suggest to you that such passages in the Bible will be falsified if he does indeed come on the clouds. Please look up the Gospel of Luke 17:20; "Once Jesus was asked by a Pharisee when the kingdom of

God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed." Would you not observe the Lord coining on the clouds? And Luke 17:22 states, "The days are coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it."

How would you not see it if he came on the clouds? In Luke 17:25, it is said, "But first he must endure much suffering and be rejected by this generation. Just as it was in the days of Noah, so too it will be in the days of the Son of Man." How could a Lord who comes on the clouds be made to suffer? How could things be as wretched as they were at the time of Noah? Such a thing would happen only if he comes as a man. If he comes as a man, things will turn out as described without a doubt.

If all the Christians in the world

believe that the Lord is to come on the clouds, and he comes as a man, wouldn't people with unassailable foundations of power, such as the pope and the bishops, issue the command to seize and kill him as a heretic who is destroying Christianity and God's will? Ladies and gentlemen, wouldn't that be the case? The Bible tells us as much, and because historical facts lead us to the same conclusion, we can be certain that God is alive and that his will works according to a plan and with authority.

Fortunately for you, this Mr. Moon has appeared here and is teaching you these things enthusiastically. If there were no one teaching you such things, you would seize and kill the Messiah again. You would have no option other than to seize and kill him. The time has come. Can you guarantee that, if Reverend Moon did not cause you to think twice, you would not do so?

If we go on to read Luke 18:8, we find the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" These words refer not to those who believe in him, but to those who will not have faith in him. If he comes on the clouds for all eyes to see, how could he find people on earth who don't believe? You would act in the same way as the religious devotees of Jesus' time. If everyone believes that he will come on the clouds, and then he comes as a man, would there be even one person who believes him? Among the disciples of Jesus, were there scribes and priests? Can you find among them even one person of conventional faith? Considering all this, the words of the Bible would be proven false if he comes on the clouds.

Christianity has to receive the Lord who comes as a person

What would God want? Would he want to be the God of a Christian denomination, or would he wish to be the God of all humanity? His will is to be the God of humanity on the world level. The Savior did not come to save only Christianity. He came to save the world.

The Bible verse that you know so well, John 3:16, states, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in

him may not perish but may have eternal life." It does not say that he loved only a religious denomination or an individual, does it? It says he loved the world. Then has the entire world found this God? Has it exiled Satan? Since human beings were lost on earth, the Messiah must come down to earth to restore all people.

That is why it says in Matthew 16:19 that when Jesus went to the spirit world, he gave Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven and said, "Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven," meaning that the earth is the central concern. Everything needs to be resolved on earth.

Has a kingship through which God can reign over the entire world of humanity been established on earth? Since Satan holds the kingship, if God were not able to establish his kingship, he would not be able to carry out his plans and he would be a God of failure. Because of whom? Because of Satan. Then the conclusion would be that he is inferior to Satan. This is why God said, as stated in Isaiah 46:11, "I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have planned, and I will do it."

Let us come to a conclusion. We have fallen Adam and Eve, and from them came evil ancestors, evil husband and wife, and evil siblings. Because we have not had original, good and true ancestors, husband and wife, and siblings, we cannot give birth to sinless sons and daughters. We will not be able to do so unless we see all this realized here on earth. Therefore, if we cannot restore the True Family centered on God, we cannot recover the nation and the world either.

That is why Jesus needs to come back to earth and form a family beloved by God. In short, he needs to come as the bridegroom and find his bride, for only then can True Parents come to be, can true husband and wife come to be, and can true brothers and sisters come to be. Because this was not conclusively achieved, Jesus prophesied that he would come again to achieve it, and this is the marriage supper of the Lamb at which the bridegroom will take a bride.

Only when there is a True Family can the tribe be restored, can the people be restored, can the nation be




Colonel Bo-hi Pak (in later years, Dr. Pak) interpreting between a local dignitary and True Father

restored and can the world be restored, and so the family is the problem. You need to understand that the marriage supper of the Lamb is held so the coming bridegroom and bride can set up the family. You need to know that the bridegroom and the bride must meet. The will at the Alpha, which would have been fulfilled by God when there was no Fall, will be fulfilled at the Omega after going once around in a circle and eliminating the evil world.

The Fall of the first Adam needed to be restored by the coining Jesus who is the second Adam. Because he was unable to complete this, it is something that needs to be completed by his coming and trying again for the third time. This is grounded in the statement in 1 Corinthians 15:45 that Jesus is the second Adam. You need to know that since he cannot achieve all this if he comes on the

clouds, he needs to come as a human being. Therefore, you need to realize that it is the mission of Christianity to receive the Coming Lord, to make a new kingship in the world and establish the heavenly kingdom centering on the true ancestors of humanity, the true husband and wife and the new Christianity.

I hope that with the realization that such a time is approaching right before our eyes, you will be able to enter such a place in the midst of your prayers. I would like to conclude my speech with the request that you ponder what I have said to you this evening, that you will not jump to conclusions, and that you will try to resolve your questions by talking to God in prayer. Thank you. 

This excerpt comes from Book Three, Speech Two of Pyeong Hwa Gyeong.



THE UNIFICATION MOVEMENT'S TOP TEN NEWS ITEMS FROM THE 8TH YEAR OF CHEON IL GUK

Through her quest to find countries and regions of the world where God might fully dwell, True Mother sought to fulfill her promise to Heavenly Parent and True Father. The proclamation of the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk evidences that True Parents are illuminating a dark world with their filial love for Heaven, and have brought closer the day of the realization of a heavenly unified world, and one heaven and earth under God's embrace.

Excerpts from True Mother's speeches at each event are in black text.

The green text is commentary.



NEWS ITEM 1

TRUE PARENTS' CENTENARY AND 60TH HOLY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: CEREMONY OF THE FIRM ESTABLISHMENT OF CHEON IL GUK



Through the seven-year Cosmic Canaan Course culminating in the forty-day Canaan Course, which condensed the entire providential history of restoration, True Parents conditionally restored seven nations, seven religious orders and even a whole region—signifying Cheon Il Guk's firm establishment. Following the success of the seven-year course, 120 heads of state or government and former ones and as many as seven thousand leaders and experts from 171 nations participated in events celebrating True Parents' Centenary and 60th Holy Wedding Anniversary, a previously unprecedented occurrence. For seven years, following the proclamation of the founding year of Cheon Il Guk in 2013, True Mother lived a thousand years' worth of life each day. Her devotion to Heaven over those years came to fruition through the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk, the Cosmic Nation of Peace and Unity.

TRUE PARENTS' PROCLAMATION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHEON IL GUK

February 6, 2020, Cheongshim World Peace Center

I proclaim the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk in 2020!

NEWS ITEM 2

WORLD SUMMIT 2020: THE SIX Pillars OF THE UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION BEGIN ACTIVITIES IN EARNEST

On the foundation of the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) and the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (ISPD) World Summit 2020 became a platform for public discussion, covering more fields and topics than previous conferences. This also made possible a proposal to inaugurate associations for academicians, economists and media professionals. These six pillars under UPF began their work in earnest. Centered on leaders of nations and groups of experts around the world, the movement to bring people and nations together can potentially spread swiftly.

WORLD SUMMIT 2020 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

February 4 in Ilsan, Korea, at the Korea Exhibition Center (Kintex)

We have gathered here today desiring true peace. We cannot speak of peace if it is just about an individual or one nation. If the more than two hundred countries in the world were to move forward together



in peace, we would not have any problems.

But we cannot express in words the horrors of wars and conflicts that have arisen repeatedly, creating religious, racial and ideological barriers throughout the six thousand biblical years of history. In addition, because of human greed and selfishness, not only humanity but also the environment is suffering.

The reality is that we can no longer be onlookers. The future is no longer visible. What, then, must we do? We cannot become one through human-centered thoughts and ideologies. It has been seventy years since the founding of the UN, but there has not been a time when the member countries were able to unify around the UN agenda and bring results. They could not become one because they are placing the interests of their own countries first.

When we look at these examples, we can see it is crucial that we properly understand God, the Creator and the origin of the universe. Even now, Heaven is awakening those who do not understand properly and can neither see nor hear that God, the Creator, is humanity's Heavenly Parent. Therefore, for the past seven years, I have been working hard to realize my pledge to offer at least seven nations on various continents; these nations will become countries that attend our Heavenly Parent. As we hold World Summit 2020 today, we are newly commencing the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk. For six thousand years, our Heavenly Parent has taken a path of suffering to find his lost sons and daughters. I will keep on marching forward toward Heavenly Parent's dream of the world's 7.8 billion people all attending him as our parent. Heaven will not bless human beings' self-centeredness. The only way to receive Heaven's mercy and love is to become one with True Mother, the only begotten daughter, who will guide you to the Creator, our Heavenly Parent.

NEWS ITEM 3

BEGINNING THE SECOND SEVEN-YEAR COSMIC CANAAN COURSE: PROCLAMATION OF HEAVENLY PARENT'S HOLY COMMUNITY

On the foundation of the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk, True Mother commenced the second seven-year Cosmic Canaan Course, but not as a prolongation of the providence, but as a new initiative. Soon afterward, True Parents launched a new organization and gave the heavenly command to bring Heavenly Parent's final providence to completion by the sixtieth Heavenly Parent's Day in 2027. After we see a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world, the opening of a heavenly cosmos encompassing all of heaven and earth—can be achieved.



THE SPECIAL GATHERING TO CELEBRATE THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY
OF TRUE PARENTS' HOLY WEDDING
May 8, 2020, HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center

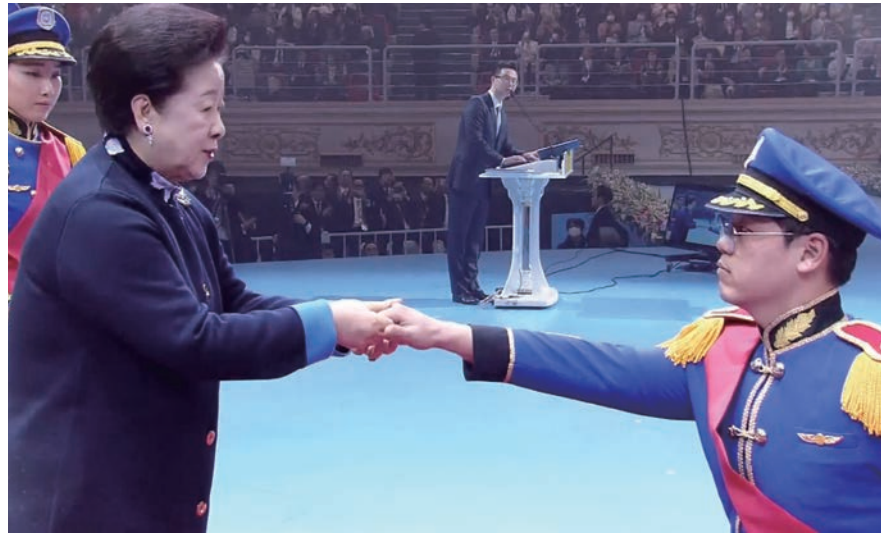
There should not be a single person living on earth that does not know about our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. That is why I'll work with anyone whether they are in the political, religious, business or ideological realm. I am working so that everyone can come under one flag, therefore, I am announcing [in Korean] Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. In English, it will be Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. Under the great umbrella, Heavenly Parent, will be all of the various activities that we have done and all the NGOs. UPF, FFWPU, WFWP... Everything will come under this great umbrella. We need to testify, a hundred and twenty percent, about our Heavenly Parent. Do you understand? [Yes]

Heavenly Parent is working with me and has been waiting every day to receive glory and joy. I prayed, "Heavenly Parent! Today, this nation and these people have pledged to attend you." I have been giving this type of report. We never know, it may be ten more years, it may be twenty more years, that I am alive on earth. If a third of the 7.8 billion people know and attend Heavenly Parent, we can realize the substantial kingdom of heaven on earth.

NEWS ITEM 4

RAISING TALENTED LEADERS OF CHEON IL LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE LEADERS CENTERED ON THE THIRD-GENERATION REALM OF THE TRUE FAMILY

After the opening of Cheon Il Guk, True Mother sold True Parents' helicopter and used the proceeds to establish a scholarship foundation. True Parents have invested their hearts into the work of raising people of talent for the future. During the launch of Vision 2027, True Parents also inaugurated the undergraduate Sun Hak UP Academy at Sun Moon University, which we now call the National University of Cheon Il Guk. True Parents have thus prepared a foundation for future leaders centered on the third-generation of the True Family for the sake of Cheon Il Guk. At the Assembly of the International Association for Youth and Students for Peace, five thousand young participants adopted the declaration, "A One-Hundred-Year Legacy, Heavenly Youth Advancing for the Next Thousand Years." They remain actively engaged in their regions. In Heavenly Korea, support is going toward the development of hyojeong education, led by the Hyojeong Cultural Center. Young members are investing themselves to create new systems with the aim of witnessing to a hundred thousand young people by 2022.



SPECIAL GATHERING FOR FUTURE LEADERS OF THE CHEON IL GUK NATIONAL UNIVERSITY June 27, 2020, Hyojeong Culture Center

You are the dream, pride and happiness of the only begotten daughter, the True Mother! I love you! Therefore, this is not the end. Each minute and second of your time cannot be wasted. A few years ago, I said that we live in an era of one second. It has become so, hasn't it? Why is your earthly life important? It is because earth is the place where you realize Heavenly Parent's wish. You must go to your heavenly life after you have realized this on earth. I proclaimed that I would dedicate the Cheon Il Sanctum—where we can attend our Heavenly Parent—in 2023 and I will do it. Then, no matter how difficult or weary our lives are, we cannot complain. This is because our dreams are even bigger. The more we realize that dream the more blessings we will receive, so there will be no loss to you. As I meet you today, it has taken sixty years for you to see the True Parents this closely. You are my sons and daughters, right? Let it not take sixty years like this, and let us not waste even a second. You must show how exciting, grateful, and joyful a life lived in attendance to Heavenly Parent is.

NEWS ITEM 5

ONE MILLION RALLY OF HOPE FOR THE REALIZATION OF A HEAVENLY UNIFIED WORLD

The Heavenly Parent's Holy Community had a successful beginning through the successful hosting of the three rallies of hope for the realization of a heavenly unified world. The rallies of hope, conducted through PeaceLink, the new Cheon Il Guk online platform, show that the pandemic crisis could even be an opportunity, in today's era of online platforms, to expand Heaven's sovereignty worldwide. Even heads of state around the world are stepping forward in support of the vision of a heavenly unified world. At the third Rally of Hope, which presented a performance of gratitude to mark the 70th anniversary of the Korean War, speakers (including leaders of nations) representing countries that fought in the Korean War emphasized that a unified Korea is a prerequisite to the realization of a heavenly unified world. Broadcast through PeaceLink and other broadcasting channels across the world, the first rally of hope was viewed by a reported 190 million people, the second by 250 million, and the third by 300 million people. This potentially represents outreach on a scale never experienced hitherto in the providence, indeed a hopeful sign.



A COMPILATION OF EXCERPTS FROM TRUE MOTHER'S SPEECHES AT DIFFERENT RALLIES OF HOPE FOR THE REALIZATION OF A HEAVENLY UNIFIED WORLD

I have said before that God, our Creator, is love. God is our parent. How would a parent feel who watches his or her children die? The time has now come for us, particularly the people of Korea—its politicians, and religious leaders—to kneel and offer prayers of repentance and compassion before Heaven.

From the perspective of the flow of creation, scientific development has become unbalanced. This means nature should not be disturbed by human beings. The future of humanity and that of the earth cannot be guaranteed if humankind remains in the position of having lost its original value and in a position of ignorance. I cannot look on as God continuously waits and endures to see change.

When we think of the Creator, our Heavenly Parent, we must love nature. For the first time in six thousand biblical years, God has finally sent his only begotten daughter—through whom his dispensation can come to completion—to be born on the Korean Peninsula.

The environment of that time was such that following the liberation of Korea in 1945, the Korean War broke out in 1950. How is it that sixteen UN member nations came to take part in a civil war that took place in a small



country unknown to the rest of the world? Moreover, we know that most of the brave participants in the war were at that time just in their teens or their twenties. I wish to record each and every one of the names of the fallen for all eternity, and we need to quickly establish monuments in countries where they have not already been installed.

NEWS ITEM 6

CHEONBO FESTIVAL COMMEMORATING THE 8TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLY ASCENSION OF SUN MYUNG MOON, THE TRUE PARENT OF HEAVEN, EARTH AND HUMANKIND

On the foundation of the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk, True Parents opened the gates to Cheonbo Registration and bestowed the title "Cheonbo," meaning "heavenly treasure." The 3,205 couples from all across the world have been officially recognized for their both turbulent and touching life stories. They have resonated in heart with True Mother by dedicating their life's work to make Heavenly Parent's last wish come true. As Cheonbo, they are to set the model course for all humanity, expanding their successes on the tribal level to the nation and world.

FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE TRUE PARENTS' CENTENARY AND
THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR HOLY WEDDING
October 10, 2020, Cheongshim World Peace Center

We have waited so long for this day! Our Heavenly Parent wished to realize his dream on earth, together with his children. However, the fall of man has brought unspeakable, unfathomable pain to our Heavenly Parent; how difficult and painful must it have been to endure until this moment. Those who have been registered as Cheonbo couples are realizing God's original dream of pure, holy citizens of Cheon Il Guk. Heavenly Parent's wish and True Parents' wish is for us to become one human family, and for all humanity to attend Heavenly Parent. Families registered today, in the Cheonbowon as citizens of Cheon Il Guk, have a responsibility. While you are alive on earth, as Cheonbo families, you need to reflect on how you can share the blessing beyond your family members—with your neighbors, the nation and the world. Before we ascend to the eternal world, where we can be eternally free, those who are happily registered as Cheonbo need to fulfill this responsibility as families, so you will be remembered in history. I wish that you will be respected and beloved by future generations as great noble families for eternity.



REORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING AND PERSONNEL APPOINTMENT FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE HEAVENLY UNIFIED WORLD

True Parents are restructuring the administration of Cheon Il Guk and have reassigned personnel to strengthen the front line for the success of the second seven-year course. In particular, to establish Cheon Eui Won, the legislative organ of Cheon Il Guk, True Parents will, after the dedication of Cheon Won Gung in 2023, install three generations of leaders—the Cheon Eui Won chairs as first generation members, regional presidents as second generation members, and the regional vice presidents as third generation members—to work together to firmly establish the sovereignty of Cheon Il Guk.

In addition, True Parents renamed the former Jeongshimwon prayer hall Cheonshimwon, to work under True Parents' authority to create order between the spiritual and earthly worlds. Cheon Il Guk leaders and blessed families working in the nine newly-organized regions offered their pledge to Heavenly Parent and True Parents: "We will firmly establish the heavenly unified world." They are taking the first bold steps toward this great undertaking.

A SPECIAL MEETING WITH KOREAN PASTORS

November 11, 2020, HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center

I have already spoken to you with an anxious heart to say that at least one third of the 7.8 billion people of the world must learn that Heavenly Parent is their parent and attend him as Cheon Il Guk citizens while True Parents are still on earth. For those who have received the Blessing, their duty is to live each and every day of their lives striving to bring joy and solace to Heavenly Parent; this thought should be engraved onto your very bones.

It should not stop at your receiving the Blessing, should it? We need to transform Korea into a nation blessed by Heaven and its people into citizens of Cheon Il Guk that can embrace all people of the world.

Will you make the resolution, "We will fulfill this task by True Parents' Holy Wedding anniversary in 2021" and actually achieve it in 100 days? Just giving me an answer now is not enough. You need to do this. Only then will you be able to move this nation. Heavenly Parent and True Parents will be with you on your future path. May those who unite as one with True Parents, especially with True Mother, the only begotten daughter, on earth, meet with no obstacles and receive eternal blessings as they march forward! I hope and pray that you become central figures that can reap that fruit.



PUBLICATION OF TRUE MOTHER'S MEMOIR, MOTHER OF PEACE

Published in Japanese, English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, German, Turkish and Albanian. The publication of True Mother's memoir, Mother of Peace, was a historic event by which Heavenly Parent's love, as revealed by True Mother, God's only begotten daughter, touched the hearts of readers around the world. The life of the Mother of Peace, following the heavenly will, is moving the people of the world. The autobiography has been published in at least twelve languages so far, beginning with Korean, and followed by Japanese, English and Spanish and now many other languages. Church members in every region have taken on the task of distributing the work. Hundreds of thousands of copies are slated to be sold or distributed worldwide on top of the 600,000 copies in Korea and 400,000 in Japan.

PUBLICATION OF DR. HAK JA HAN MOON'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND
COMMEMORATION OF THE FOUNDING OF THE MOTHER FOUNDATION
February 4, 2020, Ilsan, Korea Kintex Hall 1

Thank you very much. Without lecturing at length about God, how could I introduce our Creator, God, our Heavenly Parent, through this book? Until this time, our parent, Heavenly Parent, has been searching for his long-lost children for six thousand years, trying to find his sons and daughters, who could understand him. How might we describe in words Heavenly Parent's pain during these long years?

When we look from a humanistic viewpoint, it seems as though women understand and express love better than men do. With help from those around me, I am happy and grateful to be able to introduce God in this book. I encourage you all to read it, and I ask you to become messengers of love to your neighbors.





NEWS ITEM 9



HYOJEONG CHEONWON PROVIDENCE: DEDICATION CEREMONY OF CHEON SEUNG JEON AND HANWON KOREA HOUSE, AND RELOCATION OF CHEONWON CHURCH

True Parents are establishing the HyoJeong Cheonwon complex to become the capital of Cheon Il Guk and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the new Eden. By dedicating the Cheon Il Gate, a monument to the seven-year Cosmic Canaan Course, along with the Cheon Seung Jeon office building, True Parents are passing on their accomplishments -- as a HyoJeong cultural heritage -- to thousands of generations to come. In addition, True Parents dedicated the HanWon Korea House, built as a beautiful and sacred landmark -- like a lighthouse -- to the new beginning of the Heavenly Pacific Civilization. They dedicated this holy emblem and center of harmony of HyoJeong Cheonwon to represent a life of returning HyoJeong to the Heavenly Parent in all seasons. True Parents are establishing the HyoJeong Cheonwon complex to become the capital of Cheon Il Guk and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, the new Eden. By dedicating the Cheon Il Gate, a monument to the seven-year Cosmic Canaan Course, along with the Cheon Seung Jeon office building, True Parents are passing on their accomplishments -- as a HyoJeong cultural heritage -- to thousands of generations to come. In addition, True Parents dedicated the HanWon Korea House, built as a beautiful and sacred landmark -- like a lighthouse -- to the new beginning of the Heavenly Pacific Civilization. They dedicated this holy emblem and center of harmony of HyoJeong Cheonwon to represent a life of returning HyoJeong to the Heavenly Parent in all seasons. Moreover True Mother blessed the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Won Church to be a model church for the world, and explained how the members should continue their work from that time on.

THE 61ST TRUE CHILDREN'S DAY AND 33RD FOUNDATION DAY FOR THE UNIFIED NATION OF HEAVEN AND EARTH
November 15, 2020—Cheonwon Church, Cheon Seong Wanglim Palace

You, from our Family Federation, citizens of this country and citizens of Cheon Il Guk, now have too many tasks to take on all over the world. Humanity—unaware of God's providence and out of human greed—is devastating the planet. If people dream of having a bright future, we need to teach them whom they must attend at the center of their lives. If we can teach this country and the world that when united under God, we can correct everything that is wrong one by one, we will have hope for the future. What do you think of that? You must proclaim that the only begotten daughter, True Mother, who can solve these problems, is here on earth and you should become one with her.



NEWS ITEM 10




RALLY OF HOPE TO CELEBRATE THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND TO SUPPORT THE REALIZATION OF A HEAVENLY UNIFIED WORLD

A Rally of Hope took place to commemorate the first anniversary of the founding of the World Christian Leadership Conference (WCLC). True Mother conveyed True Parents' new teachings once again for the sake of America and the world in order to awaken the souls of more than ten thousand members of the clergy and other religious participants spread throughout 194 nations.

True Mother's speech at the fourth Rally of Hope
December 5, 2020,
broadcast globally from Korea and the United States

Because we are the True Parents we moved to the United States and for almost forty years, continuously invested our effort there. We clung on to God, who was at the point of leaving America, and implored him to give that nation another chance to fulfill its responsibilities. America today, which God has blessed, must—through fulfilling its responsibilities and bearing results—be able to write a new history. Please forgive the American politicians and create unity. The United States can maintain its existence only through harmony and unity.

Pastors, other members of the clergy in America and throughout the world: Let's create one great family under our Heavenly Parent. Please raise your voices and work together. I give you my blessing for this. *(True Mother's full WCLC speech begins on the next page.)* 



The Course of Religion and Global Restoration

True Mother delivered this address on December 5, 2020, at the Fourth Rally of Hope to Celebrate the First Anniversary of the World Christian Leadership Conference and to Support the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World.

Members of the clergy from around the world and members of the American clergy with ACLC, I give you my warmest greetings as we celebrate the first anniversary of WCLC. Today, we are at a point in time when we must welcome the truth of God's dispensation and a new era. Just as the Bible says, "New wine must be put into fresh wineskins."

Throughout the world today, serious problems that words cannot describe are arising. Most notably, as the coronavirus continues to spread, we face a situation in which face-to-face communication has all but stopped. Even in such a situation, both God's desire and the desire of all

people is to see a unified world. Therefore, I would like to speak about the truth of God's providence. I call upon you to become the righteous people of this time.

Our Creator wanted to realize his dream on earth together with humankind. For this reason, he gave human beings responsibilities to accomplish in life. His desire was for us to grow our hearts well, perfect our love and then live together with him, our Creator. Yet, Adam and Eve, the first human ancestors, were unable to do this, and they made a world that in the present time has no relationship with God. The Creator is eternal. Everything he created is also eternal. Looking from this perspective, God had no other recourse than

to carry out the providence of salvation, which he wished he did not have to do. We know how difficult that history has been—one example being the four-thousand-year history of the people of Israel.

In keeping with those times, God sent his central figures and prophets, and promised to send the Messiah. But how difficult this process must have been that it took God four thousand years! There was the time when the Israelites were held in slavery in Egypt and gained their freedom through Moses. Heaven guided the Israelites with the miracles of the pillar of cloud and pillar of fire.

The Israelites had to travel to Canaan. Why, then, did they have to waste forty years in the wilderness?



True Mother addressing the Fourth Rally of Hope to Celebrate the First Anniversary of the World Christian Leadership Conference via the PeaceLink platform

This was the result of their being unable to unite with their central figure—with whom unity was an absolute necessity. In other words, they lacked a sense of ownership of their position as the people of Israel. Even so, after four thousand years, God sent the Savior, the Messiah, through this people. He said, “This is my son, my only begotten son.” Why would God send his son to us?

At that time, as central people in God’s providence, Mother Mary and the religious leaders had key responsibilities. Yet they were unable to complete those responsibilities. As a result, Jesus had no base on which to stand. He had no option but to go the way of the cross; yet he promised to return. Jesus said he would come again to conduct the marriage supper of the Lamb. The early followers waited for Jesus based on his promise to return; that was the beginning of Christianity. However, they did not know Jesus’ true essence, nor the Creator’s ideal for humankind.

Protestantism emerges

Christianity began through the Apostles, but during a long period of practicing the faith, the emphasis on a more human-centered system of faith led to many problems. As Christ had said he would return based on Christianity, God allowed the Reformation to occur. Martin Luther began the Reformation and John

Calvin brought it to fruition. At the same time as Luther published his 95 theses and they were sent to Rome, Calvin was speaking about the oppression of people’s faith. The Protestant Church began from that point.

In those days, the Puritans in Europe were longing for the freedom of faith by which they could freely worship God. This led them to set out for the New World, where they could express their faith freely. In 1620, they journeyed to America, and the very first thing they did was build a chapel where they could worship God. Then, for the education of those in future generations, they built a school. Only after this did they build their own homes. This is to say, the starting point of the United States was people’s resolve to build a nation that served God. That is why we see the statement, “In God We Trust,” even on American money today. The United States, however, has encountered many storms during the four hundred years of its history.

The course of Korean Christianity

With the formation of the Northern Presbyterian movement in connection with Canada, pastors, elders, deacons and believers of the Presbyterian Church were able to attend God more freely than they could under the Catholic Church in earlier times. On that basis, many pastors began going

out into the world. During that time, in Korea, the Presbyterian Church in Pyongyang saw explosive growth under God’s providence. Christianity was then in a position to see God’s promised fulfillment of the providence. Jesus Christ, whom all humanity was waiting for, had said he would come again and conduct the marriage supper of the Lamb. The birth of the counterpart of the returning Lord was to happen four hundred years after Calvin’s exhortation for reformation in 1543: God’s only begotten daughter was born in 1943.

God’s providence is mysterious. Korean Christianity, and Korea itself, divided at the beginning of the Cold War, right after World War II. It was a division between Communism and Democracy. Democratic South Korea was still developing. North Korea, however, was fully ready, preparing to invade the South. Korea was liberated in 1945 and the Korean War broke out in 1950. Yet evidence exists that God was with us.

The Korean War was indeed a holy war in which God was present. After that, in 1960, True Parents’ advent took place. Many countries that had been under colonial rule, particularly those in Africa, were liberated and became independent.

Through the advent of the True Parents on earth, which made possible the realization of humanity’s hopes and Heavenly Parent’s dream,



True Mother receiving flowers from second- and third-generation Unificationists

all people have become brothers and sisters under True Parents. Because of this, nations must no longer rule over others.

True Parents and the world

In the situation in which God's providence did not have the support of the Christian foundation, True Parents' path over the past sixty years has been like a course through the wilderness. Even so, as we are the True Parents, we have done our best, and thus we have nurtured many blessed families around the world.

Only through the True Parents can humanity return to God, our Creator. By this I mean that people need to be born again through True Parents; that is, through the process of the Marriage Blessing, under God our Creator. God is the Heavenly Parent of humankind. And for sixty years True Parents have been widening the road so that people can become the children of our Heavenly Parent.

Yet, the 7.8 billion people of the world still do not know about True Parents, for whose coming Heavenly Parent had longed and whom all people need to meet and discover. All of you, particularly religious leaders in America and throughout the world, must let people know about True Parents and lead everyone to become Heavenly Parent's child. You have the responsibility to embrace and guide all people with one united

heart. Your fulfillment of that responsibility will create a new history. As I have mentioned, new wine should be put into fresh wineskins. I am saying that God will be with us only when we let go of everything from the past that has human-centered origins and advance to a position that focuses on True Parents and our Heavenly Parent.

True Parents and America's course

I would like to say this: We have come to know the urgent heart with which God has been waiting. Notably, everything that has happened this year is a warning from God that there is no more time. In particular, in celebrating this 400-year milestone in its history, America must regain its original founding spirit. The United States must not become a nation wherein our Heavenly Parent can no longer dwell. God blessed the United States and made it a powerful nation in front of the world so that he could embrace all of the world's 7.8 billion people.

We must no longer allow God and True Parents' hard work to be in vain. Right after World War II, the United States' victory brought tremendous hope to the Free World. The United States must uphold God; yet this nation has forgotten God, and when it acts with pride, so many problems arise.


Family breakdown, juvenile delin-

quency, drug problems, sexual immorality and sexual abuse were signs of the impending collapse of the Roman Empire, whose roads once stretched out to the world. When these same signs of breakdown arose in America, because we are the True Parents, we moved to the United States and for almost forty years continuously invested our effort there. We clung to God, who was at the point of leaving America, and implored him to give that nation another chance to fulfill its responsibilities. In those days, as we walked the streets of Manhattan, our tears did not stop falling.

At that time, many young people in the United States, even hippies, followed True Parents, and we began to write a new history. They matured in their love, and in 1975 many went out as missionaries to the world. Among these, many are continuing to take responsibility in their mission countries. As people who deeply understand Heavenly Parent's heart and understand True Parents, they continue to labor until this day with the resolve to become sons and daughters who fulfill Heavenly Parent's dream, even until their very last breath.

America today, which God has blessed, through fulfilling its responsibilities and bearing results, must be able to write a new history. Hence, I would like to say the following: Please forgive the American politicians and create unity. The United States can maintain its existence only through harmony and unity. God has been waiting for the United States, a nation he blessed, to stand in a position wherein it can fulfill its responsibilities.

Therefore, speaking to all pastors, members of the clergy in America and throughout the world: There are many religions in our world today. All these faiths have one purpose; they all share the same will to serve and attend the Absolute Being, our Creator.

Hence, I sincerely hope that you will let people know properly about our Creator and work to realize a world of peace wherein all people live in unity as one family of humankind, one great family under our Heavenly Parent. Please raise your voices and work together. I give you my blessing for this. 

The Bringer of Much-Needed Change

By T. L. Barrett

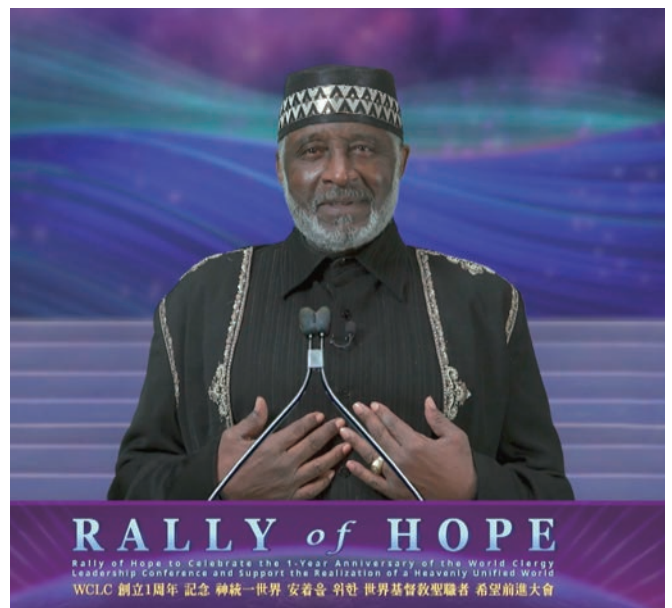
Dearly beloved members of the World Christian Leadership Conference and friends. I am T. L. Barrett Jr. I serve as the chief servant of the Life Center Church of God in Christ in Chicago, Illinois.

Sixty-five years ago, on December 1, 1955, God used a woman named Rosa Parks and directed her to sit in a bus, number 2837, and she refused to give up her bus seat to a white gentleman. By her doing so, she changed the landscape of the social picture in America, and in a way, she changed the world, because her actions brought to prominence the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

God has used great women throughout history to bring social, physical, mental, spiritual—needed changes. And I was not privileged by God. I was not selected by God to be there and support Rosa Parks and many other great women. But I am still saying praises to God. I am like David. If I had ten thousand tongues, I could not thank God enough for selecting me, for choosing me, to be able to work in proximity to the True Mother of all human-kind. For God is using True Mother, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, to bring much-needed change, not just in America but throughout the entire world.


On earth in our time

And I feel so blessed that I was chosen by God to be alive in this season for this divine reason, to be able to look and behold the face of God's most beautiful only begotten daughter, to be able to touch her hand, to be able to feel her heart, to be able to hear—not to have to read it in history books, but to hear with my own ears—her words



of wisdom, her words of challenge, her words that will cause worldwide change.

So, if my presence and my devotion and my allegiance will give her an ounce of strength, my dedication and devotion will not be in vain, because she deserves our support. I don't even know what the condition of my voice is, but I just feel like serenading our True Mother, because about thirteen years ago I was called unexpectedly to serenade True Mother in Brooklyn, New York. And these words came out of my mouth as I sat down at the piano; I sang to True Mother, "You are so beautiful to me."

But over the years watching her, particularly after True Father went into the spirit world, to see the magnificence of her leadership, I said, True Mother I can no longer sing "You Are So Beautiful." Now I have to sing, "You are more beautiful to me. Can't you see you are everything that I hope for? You are everything this world needs. True Mother you are so beautiful to me." God bless our True Mother! 

The writer is known both as an American Pentecostal preacher and a gospel musician. (He sang part of this speech.)

Let Us Unite Across Boundaries

By Vladimir Fedorov

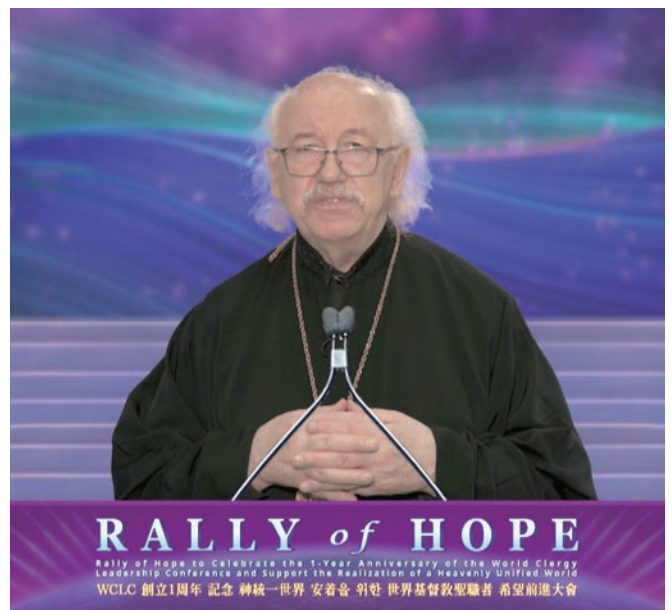
Dear participants of the World Christian Leadership Conference!

It is joyful to realize that in response to global threats for humankind—the pandemic, terrorism, natural disasters, man-made disasters—that humanity is increasingly feeling the need for cooperation between citizens with different ideologies, from different political systems, from different religions, languages, ethnic groups and cultures.

And a good example of this cooperation was the ecumenical movement in the twentieth century. This movement was developed based on knowing the need to realize a common mission, a common Christian mission in the world.


If we have dialogue with other religions, we should have our common answer to the questions, to the problems, common Christian answers. And for this activity, for this purpose, we need structures and projects, such as this project in which we now participate—this conference of Christian leaders.

It is a good chance to congratulate this conference [WCLC], because it was founded one year ago. And I send



very cordial greetings from Russia to the organizers, to Mrs. Moon—who has done so much for peacemaking—for this activity.

And there are so many common tasks for us, for representatives of different religions and those with an interest in spirituality—such as a renewing of spiritual culture, which we can see not only in religious spheres, but also in civil society. And now, over this last twenty years, even scientists speak about "spiritual intelligence." I am sure that people who are leaders of religious communities are people with very high spiritual intelligence.

Our task is to organize politics, culture, and education in our society with the idea to help people develop their spiritual intelligence. And this will be a mission of the church. I wish many fruitful years of activity for this conference [WCLC]. Many thanks for the invitation and very warm greetings from Russia! 



The writer is the clergyman of this Cathedral.

The writer is the archpriest of the Russian Orthodox Church and clergyman of St. Vladimir's Cathedral in St. Petersburg.

Our Calling as Religious Leaders in this Age

By Ki-hoon Kim

Ladies and Gentlemen, Brothers and Sisters in Faith:

Thank you all for joining us today on this special occasion, that of celebrating the first anniversary of the World Christian Leadership Conference. A year ago, we inaugurated WCLC in a large arena, the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey. We launched this great initiative for world Christianity to work together and unite to advance the realization of a heavenly, unified world, under the guidance of the Mother of Peace, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

Many people throughout the world have been suffering from the pandemic, spiritually and physically. We have just completed two days of virtual sessions of the WCLC Convocation. Through technology we are able to exchange ideas and come together, one in heart, centered on God, our Heavenly Parent. In our resolution of the World Christian Leadership Conference, we recognize the new providential era. This new era is centered on us being God's family. We are to attend God, our Heavenly Parent, at the center of our lives as members of his family. Father and Mother Moon have taught us that human efforts alone cannot solve humanity's problems.


The solution to today's problems is rooted in God, in our relationship with God. Dr. Moon, the Mother of Peace, repeated to us numerous times that it is us, the religious leaders, who represent God in the world. We are the owners, and it is up to us to carry out the providence to accomplish the divine will. As Christian leaders, we are chosen to do God's will. Mother Moon told us that we are the righteous leaders prepared by God in this age. God is trusting us with his people, his children, his heart. What does it mean for us to unite centered on God? Of course, it is easier said than done. We have heard this before. But it is our commission from God, from our True Parents, to put aside our differences, to look in one direction and fulfill our mission at this time.

How do we bring about a peaceful world? How do we overcome all these divisions? It begins in the family. We say, peace starts with me. That is to say that each of us is responsible to create peace within ourselves and



around us. What is closest to us? Our family. If we put God in the center our lives and in our families, we will see how the world changes. This is the True Family Movement—each of us creating good families centered on God and then multiplying such families in our communities, thereby building whole nations centering on God.

Today, we are here to hear Mother Moon's message. In these trying times, the voice of the Mother of Peace will bring us comfort and love. But I have no doubt that there will be a calling in it, a calling to unite and do God's will for the sake of the world and all humanity. So, let us open our hearts and minds to answer the call of God at this time.

Let us be his chosen people, his family on earth, and usher in this new era, letting peace reign on earth. Thank you all again. God Bless you, your families, your communities, and your nations! 

The writer is chair of the heavenly United States' Cheoneuiwon and of the WCLC Promotion Committee.

True Love is with You

By Luonne Rouse

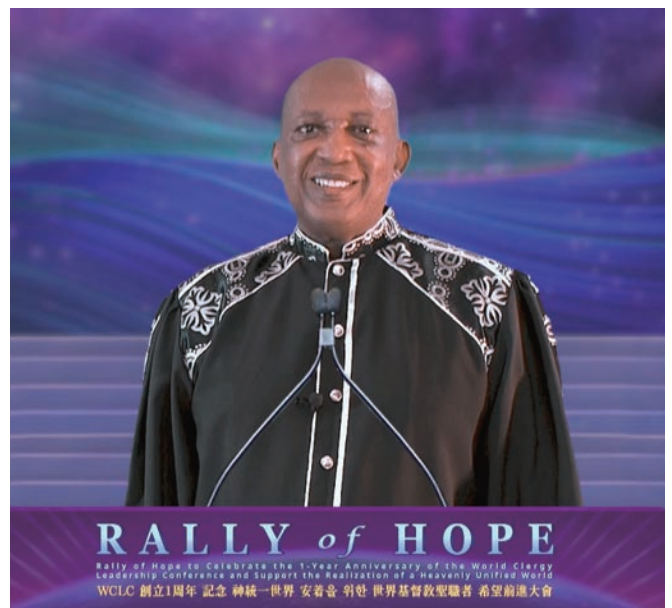
Greetings! With great joy, Marie and I join you in celebrating the first anniversary of the World Christian Leadership Conference, and to support the establishment of a heavenly unified world. 2020 has been a year of tremendous changes: loved ones died, political turmoil, indifference in human relations. Oh, we understand the grief. And we are praying with you.

We know that when we pray together God's will comes in. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 reminds us "pray without ceasing." So be assured, those of you who are around the world who are influencers and those of you who are followers, we are praying together.


Congratulations to the World Christian Leadership Conference! In the promotional message, Dr. Ki-hoon Kim is asking us to reach the world's 7.8 billion people. Yes, we will! Because we are uniting the 2.5 billion Christians together. Psalm 133, the first verse, tells us how good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity. United together we are going to bring all people into interdependence, into mutual prosperity and into accepting universal values—for the world, for the people of God—to join together.

Congratulations to the American Clergy Leadership Conference. For twenty years you have built upon the foundation of true love. Encouraging us to rebuild the family, to restore the community and to renew the nation and the world. That is the way of God's people, God's filial sons and daughters, living together in true love. Congratulations to the young Christian Leadership Conference, for you are the true filial children living out today to call on God, to let us know your leadership is now, your focus is now.

Congratulations to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, humanity's Mother of Peace. You have loved us in such tremendous ways that we want you to know we love you too. Yes, you are changing lives as you did with Father Moon. You are continuing the work to make sure that men understand the soul of a woman. And that women understand the mind of a man.



We will travel with you everywhere you go, because we know that true love is with you. You have come to America to help us to heal, to help us to understand not only that is there hope for us but that America is the hope for the world. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, Jesus Christ, that all who would believe might be saved, and have eternal life. That is what John 3:16 reminds us of, that we are mindful that this God still loves us now.

We know that is true, because he is giving us you, Mother. You are leading us in the salvific work of the Second Advent, and we are so blessed! May the world be blessed. May America be blessed. And True Mother of Peace, God forever bless you. Thank you. 

The writer is co-chair of the American Clergy Leadership Conference.

Those That Do Not Gather, Scatter

By Paula White

I am so honored to be with you. And what an encouragement to the body of Christ and to you, Mother Moon, for your tireless efforts and your work as you have continued to bring faith leaders from all over the world to work together in peace and unification, to bring together people for a better cause. I congratulate you. And while we see there is much work still to be done, we look at the great accomplishments that you have set as an example for all of us to follow.

I am reminded of the word of God. The Bible tells us so clearly in 1 John 4:16 that “God is love and whoever abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.” It is so important that we as clergy members, as people of faith, call the body of Christ together to abide, which means to stand firm in God’s love, to extend peace, to extend his love, to see his love cover our nation and all nations, to bring them to him, to a true knowledge of who he is, a true experience of walking in that love.

For it goes on in the Book of James and throughout 1 John. It says that there cannot be bitter and sweet waters that flow out of the same fountain, that you cannot say that you love God and yet you hate your brother. So, it tells us to labor, to work diligently, to work with effort for the unity of all brethren.

I ask you—as fellow clergy members, as people of faith—that we labor. To be rightfully equipped with the armor that God has given us through his word is so important. His word is our bedrock, so as we turn to his holy scriptures, the bedrock of our faith, we are able to find comfort and consolation.

You see, the Bible is pretty clear. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God is having a talk with Solomon. He says, after Solomon built the temple... He said to him, “Look, there will be a time when there is no rain, or there will be a plague among the land, but if my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and I will heal their land.”

As we truly repent and ask God to search our hearts, is there anything that is not pleasing to you God? Is there anything that you need to do in our lives? As we repent, and we pray and we fast, we know that God will heal our land. God wants to bring restoration. So, I pray that you,



myself, along with Mother Moon, will be a part of that great restoration. Jesus said it like this: in Matthew 12:30, he said, “Whoever is not with me is against me and whoever does not gather, scatters.”

Empathy over Korea’s deadlock

We thank you for that spirit of gathering with you, Mother Moon. May the spirit of gathering come upon you right now and may God do a great work to gather us together. We are praying for America and for the reunification of Korea. I am reminded of a story that I would like to read to you from Mother Moon’s memoir.

[Her autobiography] tells us this.... Mother Moon writes about a photograph of her grandmother Mrs. Jo—a super devout Christian, who bravely went out in the 1919 with the Korean independence movement protesters to condemn the brutal domination by Japan with a child on her back, and at an appointed hour they each pulled their banished Korean flags from their blouses and defiantly waved them, with all other women, all over Korea, in public.

Mother Moon notes that the child on her back noted the sad expression on her grandmother’s face when the nation was stolen. Then in another picture her mother,

Mrs. Hong was carrying a child on her back and joyously waving her Korean flag on August the 15th 1945, when Japan surrendered. Her grandmother had such a look of joy because she had regained her nation. The child was Mother Moon.

Mother Moon, we see the day coming when you will have the same joy on your face. Because together with you, America and Christianity will support Korea coming

back together as one nation for God, bringing the world to peace. May God do great work in America. May God do great work in Korea. And may God do great work through all of his chosen, anointed children. God bless you. *TP*

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Our Calling is as Unifiers, Peacemakers

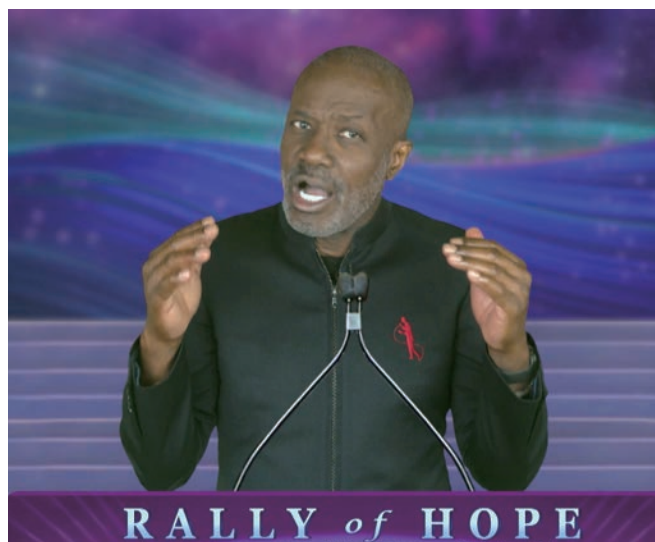
By Noel Jones

Deference to the spirit of God that is present to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and to all the leaders of WCLC, to all the clergy, and everyone else who is listening.

There are times when to stay silent is to be complicit in the things that destroy our theocratic vocational responsibility to spread the true love of Jesus Christ. How did we get to this place of such a great divide in America and other nations, when we are the carriers of the Gospel and have been assigned to bring the world together in Jesus Christ? How did we reduce the significance of our theocratic calling to become minions and sycophants to political parties? How could we substitute our ephemeral financial bottom lines [financial profit] for the eternal reward that we were called to receive? How could we, who were called to lead men to the ultimate leader of all men, Jesus Christ, spend our time reducing his message to lead men to our self-aggrandizing political leaders? How could we take the purity of his kingdom teaching, and subject its integrity and authenticity to any world system?

The role of the anointed Christian leader is never to ignore or reduce the integrity, authenticity and credulity of our calling to convey the truth of Jesus, that we should love our enemies. Loving our political opponents should be easier than that. They will love us because we loved them first. We cannot reduce our calling to “go into all the world” by taking political sides. Once we do that, we demonize, departmentalize, ostracize, and criticize the people of God whom he sent us to unite as one in Christ.

Father Sun Myung Moon, in the Fifth Summit Council for World Peace, giving the Founder’s Address on August 22, 1992, said, and I quote, “It is in true love that humanity is able to meet God and enjoy eternal life. For this reason,



true love is capable of overcoming all the world’s problems. Through true love, by which we sacrifice ourselves in order to live for others, we can find the solutions to such problems as interracial conflict, violence, the conflict between rich and poor, and the various environmental issues. Families in which the individual members are united centered on true love can successfully combat the corruption of morals that has contributed to the downfall of so many of our youth. When the individual, family, society, nation and world become one through true love, mankind can expect a very bright future.”

It is Father and now Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon—their strong belief that Christianity and America must take the lead in bringing about this true love in the world. Dr. Hak Ja Han

Moon, the "Mother of Peace" stimulates us to embrace all humanity from every race, religion and nation.

Ours is to express true love to all men and women on both sides of the political divide. Our calling to true love and peace transcends democracy, monarchy, oligarchy, socialism, communism and autocracy. Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace, in her memoirs, speaks of her own impression of the Spirit of the Lord being upon her, when she says and I quote,

"For the thirteen months of Father Moon's imprisonment, I was coping with feelings of sorrow and injustice, but my responsibility to lead our church and the providence came first." (p. 175)

I want to say to all of my great clergy leaders, there is no time for self-pity when the world is in need of true love and peace; no time to be crippled by our pain and differences when the world needs each one of us to bridge the divide. WCLC, the World Christian Leadership Conference, let us unite and dissolve the walls that separate men from women, ideologies from ideologies, religions from religions, nations from nations, until we dissolve ultimately the wall between North Korea and South Korea. God bless you. *TP*

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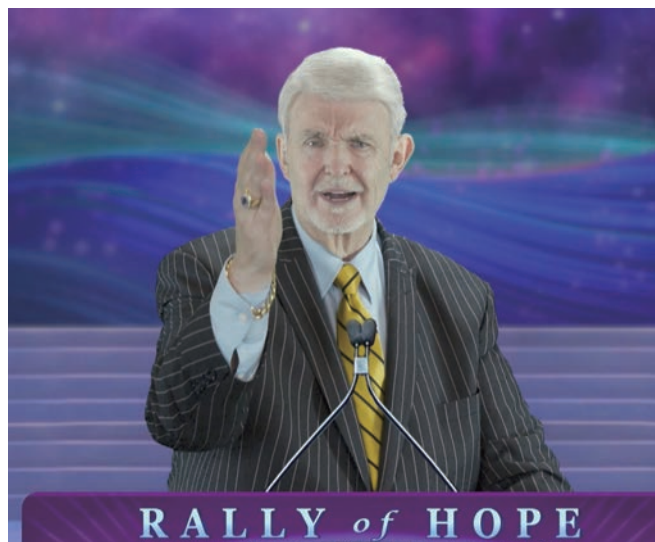
How to Find God's Peace in Your Heart

By Don Meares

Greetings to all the Christian pastors throughout America, Korea and the World. It is a great honor to speak at this first anniversary of the World Christian Leadership Conference.

I want to offer a very special, a very heartfelt thanks to you, Mother Moon from myself and my wife Marion, for your efforts to try to create peace on the Korean Peninsula. The two Koreas have made tremendous progress, and I am sure they made progress at a great personal sacrifice on your part.

I was so blessed to be able to attend and address the 2017 Global Rally for the Peaceful Reunification on the Korean Peninsula. We were in the Seoul World Cup Stadium on a very chilly, windy, cold day in November and the stadium was packed with over a hundred thousand people. Mother Moon had asked for Korean Christians to come out to the stadium to pray, because of the power and prayer, to pray for the safety of South Korea from North Korea and their hostilities. And they came, putting their faith on the line during a time when we were literally on the very edge of war between America and North Korea. God certainly heard those prayers. The dialogue between the two Koreas began just about forty days after those prayer meetings and North Korea participated with the world in the [2018 Winter] Olympics in South Korea. That was a miracle from God. This is why they call you the Mother of Peace.



Today, I recognize that I am speaking to spiritual leaders. Therefore, I want to ask a question: "Do you have peace for these troubled times? Not the peace of the world, but do you, as a leader, have the peace of God?" Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you! My peace, I give to you! Not as the world gives, do I give my peace to you!" Do you have God's peace as a spiritual leader?

You know, there are four areas in our lives that have to

be controlled by us if we are going to keep the divine peace of God that God imparts to us! Let me give them to you. The first one is your multiple environments. Number two is your ego or yourself. Number three would be your enemies. And then lastly, it would be your economics. Four distinct areas. Each one starts with an "e."

Words to guide your life by

You see the first word I want to speak to you about is "focus." Where the focus goes, the power flows. The reason that we have to understand the importance of these first four words—environment, ego (self), enemies and economics—is because they basically tell us what it is we are focusing on; the direction of our focus in life. Whatever you focus on, you empower.

That is what I love about David in writing the Psalms, because he gives us this whole picture. David does not always start the Psalms with praise and thanksgiving; he is so down to earth and tells you exactly what he is feeling. He says things like, "How are they increased that trouble me!" (Psalm 3, KJV) I mean, he is upset; he is angry, because he is looking at his enemies and they seem to be doing better than he is. And then he stops, changes his focus. "But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me!" Once he turns his attention away from the prosperity of his enemies and puts his attention back on God, the peace of God comes back into his heart! Focus is so important, because where your focus goes, the power flows.


The next word is the word "faith." If you are going to have divine peace and keep that peace, you have got to get your faith right. Because your faith tells you why you believe something, and it tells you what your belief is in. This literally becomes the foundation in your life to make all your decisions. You have to know what you believe and why you believe it, so that you can make decisions based on what you believe, and not based on the circum-

stances or the situation or the things that you are facing. You cannot get involved in everything that gives you the most prosperity, or more prosperity. You have to have some core value beliefs that say, "I'm going to serve God, period!" And there is no comma after that. I am going to serve God, period.

I have often watched leaders who think God is going to do something, and God doesn't do it. Then they forsake God, because their mindset is not, "I'm going to serve God, period!" It depends on if he does this, or if he does that, or this happens.

The next word I want to give to you is the word, "future." The first word that I gave you was "focus." The next word was you have to have your settled "faith." And the third word is "future." If you have no tomorrow, if you do not know that you are a child of destiny, a child of purpose, and you do not have a future in front of you that is settled in your life, things that mean nothing upset you. But when you have a future in focus and you have faith in where God is taking you, and you realize that you are headed somewhere, it helps you to become disentangled from all of the things that people are trying to hold onto you with.

And that brings me to my last word. You are still not going to be in control of your life as long as you are holding yourself and someone in close proximity to a situation that is beyond your control! One day you have got to cut the cord on your past and move toward your future and say "I'm forgiving this situation! I'm forgiving this person so I can move on with my life!"

Once again, I want to congratulate you, Mother Moon, for your successful work for peace. This is Bishop Don Meares. God bless you. 

The writer is the senior pastor of the Evangel Cathedral in the US State of Maryland.

Let Us Put Christ's Message into Practice

By Kelvin Felix

Pease be with you! It is indeed an honor and privilege to be part of this prestigious World Christian Leadership Conference, particularly at this time when the Christian world begins the preparation to celebrate the birth of the one whose coming was first

announced thus: Peace on earth to men of goodwill!

Ever since, the world has been striving towards that goal and today we are witnessing one of the fruits of Father and Mother Moon's lifelong efforts to embrace leaders of different faiths and religions to inspire them to

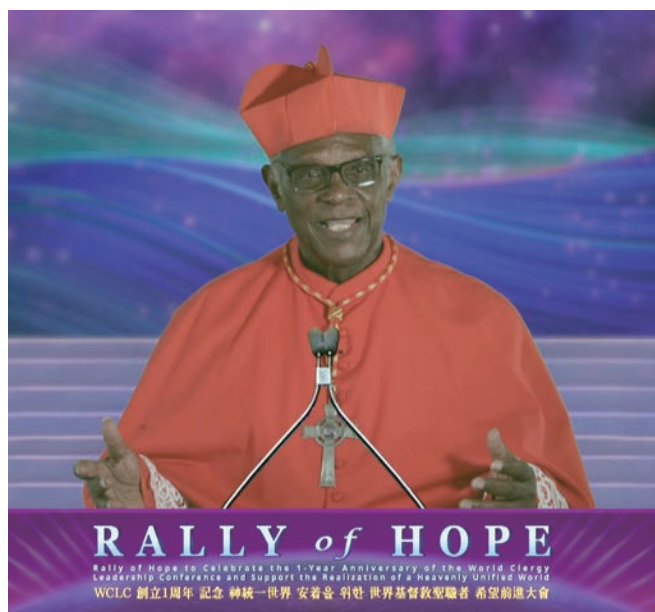
work toward that noble purpose. God is a devoted father who loves us, his children, no matter what race, culture or religion we belong to. His purpose is to gather his children into one human family under his loving care.

His purpose comes to us in the person of his son Jesus Christ, whose birth we embrace at Christmas and that is celebrated all over the world. This makes this leadership conference most timely and meaningful because there are so many conflicts across the world even as we gather here today. The Father's message rings out loud and clear, "Love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that he should lay down his life for his friends." This is why at the core of each religion there is the command to care for each other and to forgive each other at any offense.

More than ever, the wisdom and the love of religious leaders are necessary to tackle the problems of poverty, injustice, corruption, family breakdown, conflict, violence, forced migration, etc., which are so rampant in this part of the world.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, is a champion of inter-faith relations; he has been challenging our Catholic community to love and embrace peoples of all faiths as brothers and sisters.

If we could only resolve to leave this Christian Leadership Conference inspired by the message that the Lord has for us and resolve to put it into effect, our



coming here would be eminently worthwhile and the Lord's grace would multiply our efforts in making our society a better world. *✠*

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The Family is Central

By Chrysostomos Celi

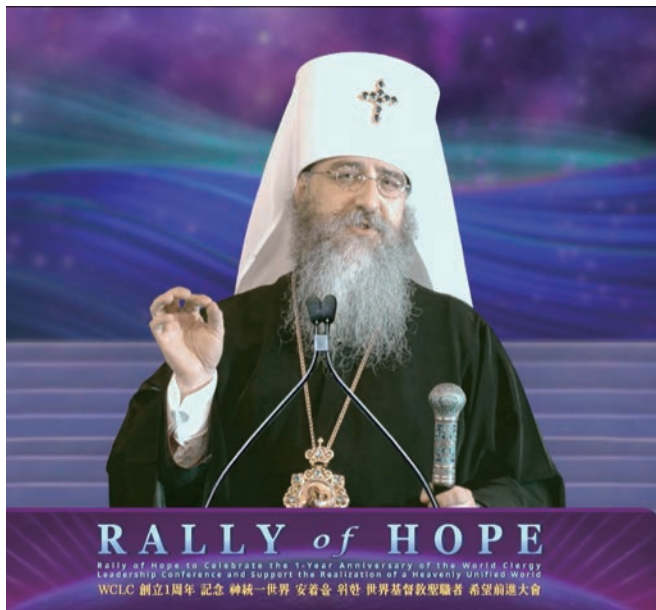
It is a privilege and an honor for me as metropolitan archbishop of the Orthodox Church to address a few words on the importance of the family as the cornerstone of the church and nation in this the World Christian Leadership Conference event. In this presentation, I will include a small message on the matters of peace and family.

The family is not a collection of individuals, but a living and developing system whose members are essentially interconnected. A family perspective assumes that an individual lives connected to others by relationships, not in isolation. Among the most important of these relationships are familial ones. Family strengths lead to family health. Family strengths, and ultimately family health,

develop because a family is both cohesive and adaptive.

The church, like employment centers and service organizations, works with families in fulfilling some basic family responsibilities, such as education, support, religion and value formation, religious practice, socialization, health care and social services. The church is also very much involved in social issues of direct importance to families, such as economics and nuclear disarmament. Consequently, the church must address the issue of its partnership with families.


The principles that apply to social institutions and to social policy apply to the church as well. What the church does and how it does it affect the unity, well-being, health and stability of families. Church leaders need to be aware



of how the church's policies, programs, ministries and services can either help or hinder families in fulfilling their own basic responsibilities.

Besides affecting employment and service organizations and the church, changes in families also have affected the partnership that exists between families and the government, as reflected in public social policy. The family as a mediating structure needs to play a crucial role by interacting with society in the pursuit of the public good. When families are working well, they carry out responsibilities essential for the functioning of society.

When families are in trouble, the government must often act in their place. The government then establishes remedial programs for individuals in trouble, but at tremendous cost. Perhaps such trouble frequently could be prevented if all institutions worked to support family strengths and to develop services for individuals that consider families. The reason government policies and programs deserve specific attention when discussing partnerships between families and institutions is because they often set the direction for institutional services. In addition, and even more fundamental, the role of government in family life is becoming pervasive. Today, government policies and services have a tremendous effect on the functioning of families. They provide vital and essential support for families to help them fulfill their basic responsibilities.

Even two decades ago, over two hundred government programs had a direct or indirect impact on family life. Family is, undoubtedly, the cornerstone of a healthy society that cooperates well with the church and nation. Without family, we simply cannot have church or nation. The Orthodox Church has worked hard worldwide for centuries on this idea. It is perfectly aligned with the ideal of one family under God, which Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon promotes through UPF and the World Christian Leadership Conference. As a member of the Steering Committee, I send my deep recognition to the Mother of Peace for her hard work, particularly in this wonderful Rally of Hope, to spread these important messages to all humanity. 

The writer is the archbishop metropolitan of the Orthodox Church of the Patristic Calendar for Latin America.

Let All Righteous People Respond to Her Call

By Uzwi Lezwe Radebe

Greetings to the founder of UPF, our beloved True Mother, Dr Hak Ja Han Moon, able UPF-International officials present and distinguished religious leaders representing diverse faiths.

I thank you all for the opportunity to share a few words at this august gathering to celebrate the first anniversary of the World Christian Leadership Conference (WCLC).

Let me start by thanking *Umfihlakalo*, the Creator, for preserving our lives throughout this year, 2020. It has been quite an extraordinary year and has been the most challenging of times. COVID-19 has caused the loss of so many lives. It has devastated economies and destabilized politics. It has caused grief to many families around the world. Yet here we are, with a lot to be grateful for.

In February this year, many of us here were together in Korea for World Summit 2020. It was at the time that the

COVID-19 crisis was brewing. But we all (tens of thousands of us) as guests of True Mother, God's only begotten daughter, were shielded by her amazing grace. No one who came to that event caught the virus in Korea. That was most amazing! Afterward, the world went into lockdown and everything came to a standstill. Yet True Mother forged on with her worldwide outreach.

On December 28 last year, we gathered in Newark, New Jersey, to inaugurate the World Christian Leadership Conference (WCLC). On that occasion, True Mother declared that she wanted to believe in the religious leaders present at the gathering. Describing us as righteous people, she explained that our mission was to embrace our nations and the world with true love. She further urged that we excel in guiding and leading people to God in the shortest possible time.

A home within a community


Recently, I was inspired to change the name of the institution I founded from "The Revelation Church of God" to "The Revelation Spiritual Home." I believe it is time we move beyond church to create a home, a spiritual home. The name "spiritual home" from the spiritual perspective stems from the teachings and practices that go beyond that of a church and mimic that of a home. True Mother launched, last May, Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, where all people will be able to live in interdependence, mutual prosperity, with universal values under our Heavenly Parent. This is the idea of a spiritual home!

Respected clergy members, distinguished religious leaders, I have come to appreciate Mother Moon's vision and love for all humankind. For me, she is truly God-sent. Her concerns for the fate of all the world's 7.8 billion people are clear and real. She has founded many new organizations and programs, notably the Sunhak Peace Prize, to support all efforts at environmental preservation and to tackle poverty. More importantly, she liberated Africa in 2018 in Senegal. Last year, at the Hector Pieterse Memorial, here in South Africa, she prayed for and liberated the youth who fought against oppression and injus-



tice and gave their lives for the sake of this nation. I believe she created a new dawn for South Africa!

Mother Moon is truly a True Mother, the only begotten daughter of God! As we celebrate this WCLC anniversary, let us do so with deep introspection and respond positively to Mother Moon's call to work with her to solve the problems plaguing our world today. This world needs our common and focused attention.

I congratulate sincerely all the clergy members who have answered this call to work together. May WCLC become a force to reckon with and may it be a platform on which spiritual leaders forge closer cooperation and ties in addressing these critical issues of our times. I thank our True Mother, Dr Hak Ja Han Moon, for her love and for her investment in bringing us together toward this noble task. Thank you! 

The writer is the founder of the Revelation Church of God, now known as the Revelation Spiritual Home.



Providential Blessing Heralds Pentecost

By Phillip Schanker



The Cotillion Room of the Hilton Hotel in New York City, where True Parents blessed the religious leaders

On May 27, 2001, in the Cotillion Room of the Hilton Hotel in New York City, Heaven truly fired a “shot heard around the world.” On that memorable day, Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han Moon, in their capacity as True Parents officiated a simple, brief, yet dignified Blessing Ceremony of some sixty couples. But Father and Mother Moon have held Blessing Ceremonies by satellite, linking hundreds of millions, officiating from such marquis locations as Madison Square Garden in New York or Seoul’s Olympic Stadium. Why did this humble, small ceremony attract media from around the world, generate front-page news on every continent, and create a more powerful impact upon the planet than any such blessing in history? First, it was because some fifty of the couples were in fact religious leaders—minis-

ters, imams and clerics, Pentecostals, Baptists, Lutherans, Muslims, Sufis, and more, spiritual leaders in their own right.

Yet, it was the participation of one or two such men of God that shook the world and provided for many a new and profound understanding of the significance of the blessing of marriage: His Grace Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo of the Roman Catholic Church and the Most Reverend George Augustus Stallings, Jr., founder and archbishop of the Imani Temple African-American Catholic Congregation. These courageous men of God are both known for their willingness to stand up for truth even in the face of great adversity.

They were joined on this historic occasion by such pioneers as Pastor and Mrs. T. L. Barrett of the Life Center Church of God in Christ in Chicago, who were reunited after ten full years of separation, estrangement and divorce. Their “marriage miracle” occurred during the fifty-state We Will Stand! tour and became a model for the healings and miracles that were to touch many families during that tour, the theme of which was “Rebuild the Family, Restore the Community, Renew the Nation and the World.”

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Edwards of the Pentecostals of Philadelphia, who faced severe criticism for joining hands with all faiths in the We Will Stand tour also reaffirmed their vows. Minister and Mrs. Benjamin Muhammad, director of the Million Man March and the Million Family March, and key leaders of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) joined in consecrating their marriages in the ceremony entitled, We Will Stand in Oneness!

How this blessing came to be

As the We Will Stand tour, which began in the Bronx Borough of New York City on February 25, 2001, proceeded to fifty-two cities across America, Father Moon’s unswerving message of family and fidelity as essential to the building of God’s kingdom and the restoration of America became clear. He challenged America’s faith leaders to take up the mission of restoring the sanctity of

sexuality and rebuilding their families and churches as examples. Even as Reverend Moon confronted audiences nationwide with frank discussions of God’s presence and work in conjugal love, childbirth and parenting, he firmly but lovingly prodded the faith leaders to set the standard. Father challenged Archbishop Stallings, whose church allows married priests but who had yet to embrace that path himself, encouraging him to complete himself by finding a wife. Pastor Barrett’s testimony of meeting Father well past midnight after the Miami tour event is now famous. Father encouraged him to marry and be an exemplary leader of the family movement. He then learned of Rev. Barrett’s desire to be reunited with his wife of twenty-four years, and after deep reflection and prayer, predicted a rapid reconciliation which even Pastor Barrett had a hard time believing until it happened ten days later!

In each city Father Moon challenged the pastors to be models of fidelity, faith and family. As the Barretts’ wonderful testimony spread throughout the tour and as Archbishop Stallings felt called to complete God’s love, life and lineage through marriage and family, a spirit of healing and renewal arose, touching one after another. Additional couples in Pastor Barrett’s church followed his example by reconciling. Tour participants began to seek healing for their marriages through prayer. We felt the spiritual power being released through our unity centered upon fidelity, faith and family, which could even overcome divorce and adultery.

Rev. Stallings was led to his future bride, whom he met just before the tour and was deeply moved by. Throughout the busy tour, others tried to encourage him in one way or the other, or to prevent the budding interest from being a distraction. Meanwhile, the archbishop offered the relationship to God, confident that if Father Moon was truly anointed by the Lord to bless marriages, that he, too, would see the hand of God in this relationship. Sure enough, despite many potential brides and possibilities, both Father and Mother zeroed in on the very young woman that Rev. Stallings felt God had led him to.





Archbishop George Augustus Stallings Jr. and his bride, Sayomi Kamimoto, a native of Okinawa, Japan

Through Father's serious questioning, and Mother's loving preparation, the new couple felt uplifted and embraced by True Parents' love.

As plans proceeded for Archbishop Stallings' wedding, the word spread and others emerged who sought the guidance and support of Father and Mother Moon to bless their marriage. Plans were changed to include three couples, then twelve. No, let's have twenty-one! How about thirty-six? Okay, forty! But the number of couples seeking to participate in this international, interracial, and interreligious ceremony continued to mushroom as the wedding day approached.

A providential participant

As the plans for the ceremony developed, there were some who inevitably thought of Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, who had participated in offering prayers and blessings at previous ceremonies, but who, as a Roman Catholic, had stayed well clear of any idea that he himself would marry. Some who knew him reached out to Rome, but His Grace was nowhere to be found. Suddenly, we found that he was already in New York, and his disposition toward the blessing was dramatically different.

We felt the hand of God moving deeply and silently in this situation.

Archbishop Milingo is a devout Roman Catholic, celibate all his life, who prays the rosary for the Holy Father daily and has a profound awareness of the spiritual world. Each day, when he says mass, at the sacramental moment when Christ enters the Eucharist, the seventy-one-year-old prelate experiences the Lord's presence and communes with him. Despite the fact that his gift of healing was rejected by church authorities, that he was scandalized, exiled from his diocese, and finally prohibited from virtually any expression of his charisma, he remained faithful to the church and ecclesiastic authority.

His Grace notes that his mission from God, to heal the sick, cast out devils and preach of the kingdom of God, is nothing different than Jesus commissioned his apostles to do in Luke 9: 1-2. He correctly points out that a bishop's commission is indeed inherited from the apostles. But he has been castigated, humiliated and "made a stranger and a fool in the church that I love."

The archbishop's loyalty is to Jesus and the Blessed Virgin first and foremost. After careful review of the Principle, and reflection upon God's

purpose of Creation, His Grace came to see the holiness of sex, and the sanctity of marriage. Where he had once seen sexuality and spirituality in conflict, and thus embraced celibacy as the loftiest spiritual path, he now felt a higher calling to embrace God and reflect God's nature through fidelity. In a press conference after the ceremony, he explained how God's nature is completed in the union of man and woman, and how the two become "flesh of my flesh, and bone of my bone." He compared the presence of God in the union of husband and wife to the mystical presence of God the Father in the Trinity, in the union of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Despite Archbishop Milingo's humility, grace and purity of heart, in expressing his choice to marry, this unheard of act by a bishop of the church previously sworn to celibacy has turned the religious world—the Catholic world in particular—upside down and inside out. Many have praised his courageous stand, claiming that the church must change in response to the times. Faithful Catholics ask how he could have forsaken his vow, why he did not seek a dispensation to leave the priesthood and then marry, and how he could have gotten mixed up with Reverend Moon. But most seem not to have taken in the deep message that Archbishop Milingo is conveying through his public act of marriage, or his own sense of stepping up to a higher calling, rather than forsaking a vow for personal fulfillment. The Italian media quotes church authorities that claim he is brainwashed, kidnapped or somehow controlled. The archbishop calls such claims "rubbish to discredit me and to avoid the issues I am raising." Meanwhile members of the three orders founded by the archbishop write of being lost, confused, laughed at and ashamed. Some send letters placing a curse on those who led the archbishop astray. Others even prayed that either the archbishop or Reverend Moon would die before the wedding.

Standing in oneness

Tremendous support has come from various quarters. Archbishop Stallings, whose marriage caused a media frenzy in Washington, D.C., has joined Pastor Barrett and others in



Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo and his bride, Maria Sung of South Korea


support of Archbishop Milingo and his new bride. At a gathering of clergy and a press conference in Chicago, Monsignor Milingo professed his undying Catholic faith, pointed out the significance of the unity of African and African-American religious leaders, and challenged the clergy here to fulfill America's destiny as the second Israel. "We must vindicate the blood of Jesus!" he cried. Invitations from churches all over America are pouring in, seeking the deep teaching and powerful healing ministry of the African cleric.

We often read reports of a flood of Catholic clergymen abandoning their clerical roles, primarily over the celibacy issue. Added to that are priests that have secretly married, even as sexual scandals, lawsuits and rumors have plagued the clergymen who remain. Archbishop Milingo has said he seeks to bring honesty and healing within the church and to restore the dignity and calling of those who have been shunned due to marriage. Many of these ex-priests have reached out to connect with the archbishop. Others have written, encouraging His Grace to ordain married priests. He has so far rebuffed such calls. He has reached out privately to the Vatican and the Holy

Father, seeking to find the way to pursue God's calling and fulfill his gift as a Roman Catholic.

Media frenzy

More than forty media outlets covered the wedding ceremony and the powerful press conference that followed. The Italian press went wild, as did many others in Europe, where Archbishop Milingo has a large and faithful following. The North American press was similarly vocal. Some headlines: the New York Times, "Maverick Archbishop Weds in Manhattan" Canada's Globe and Mail, "Wedding Highlights Celibacy Issue." With a cover photo of the "Kissing Cleric," the New York Post compared the archbishop's action to others who faced censure for challenging the church to change, such as Martin Luther and Galileo Galilei. Front page articles ran in Brazil, Argentina, Columbia, all across Latin America. African papers followed the story closely. The Korean media was buzzing. Meanwhile, Archbishop Milingo's statement has been translated into many languages. He has been interviewed by CBS's "60 Minutes," the Fox network, NBC, ABC, [US television media] and many international media outlets as well. As the

"Harvest for the Pentecost Holy Spirit Revivals," (associated with the We Will Stand tour) continue across America, ACLC has been energized by the commitment and blessing of so many distinguished religious leaders. When Reverend Moon predicted a Pentecost would sweep the nation fifty days after the tour, no one envisioned such a cosmic and heavenly wedding after forty days, nor the explosion it would create. Just as the Pentecost two thousand years ago heralded a new age centered upon Jesus and the Holy Spirit, with True Parents, this new Pentecost portends the end of the era of churches, denominations and religions and the ushering in of the era of the kingdom of God built upon families, and centered upon the substantial embodiment of the True Parent ideal. And just as two thousand years ago, when a hundred and twenty gathered as the Pentecost began representing all nations (Acts 1:15), those sixty couples are the starting point. Now we must preach the kingdom of God to the ends of the earth! 

At the time of writing in 2001, Rev. Schanker was director of the FFWPU North American Public Affairs Office.

The Grace of Holy Songs Part II

The writer was born in Shizuoka, Japan, in 1944. She is a pioneer choir instructor. As a member of the Holy Song Compilation Committee, she has engaged in compilation, popularization, coaching and writing verses for holy songs. As a member of the Holy Song Compilation Committee she interprets the background of the holy songs we sing daily. The first part of this article ran in the January 2021 issue of True Peace, which is available on the ipeacstvDOTcom web site.)

By Terue Amano

Sometimes, a holy song strongly reflects the providential background of the time when it was written. By understanding the background, you can gain a deeper understanding of the composer's heart invested into the melody.

Based on what I heard from Professor Yoon-young Yang, an early member who composed many holy songs, I will introduce how professors and students of the Ewha Womans University [sic] joined the church and about the hardships that followed.

After her dramatic encounter with True Father, Professor Yang was filled with joy. With her inherent passion and sense of justice, she visited everyone she knew to convert them. When I visited her house in Seoul on January 7, 1976, she told me what life was like in those days. What follows is her testimony.

Influential people were resistant

I first visited university presidents, secretaries and famous Christian ministers. I brought a famous and influential minister named Yang-seon Kim who used the English name Maria Park, the vice-president of Ewha Womans University, to the little church in Seoul's Bukhakdong, where the Unification Church was first



Professor Yoon-young Yang learned the Divine Principle and joined the church when she was teaching music at Ewha Womans University [sic]

established in South Korea. But famous people refused to listen. Reluctantly, I changed course and started to visit ordinary professors. When my husband died six months after I joined the church, I decided to open up my house, because I wanted to offer everything for God's will.

On November 18, 1954, I invited Professor Hwa-han Chung, the dormitory director of Ewha Womans University to my house and had her listen to Rev. Hyo-won Eu's lectures. Inspired, Prof. Chung started bringing dorm students to my house. Then, those students brought in more students and in no time, people began crowding into my house. In order to capture this heavenly fortune, I entrusted all guests including mine to Professor Han. The two of us decided to divide our roles. Professor Chung would bring in new members, and I would take care of housing and feeding them. Professor Chung brought in many guests, and I opened up my house and looked after them. Anything was possible because my house had five rooms including a large room of about a hundred and sixty square meters.

Three days were needed to listen to all of the lectures, so I let everyone stay over and provided them with three meals and a shower every day. In the evening, I warmed up a large pot of hot chocolate. I bought meals in boxes and treated everyone well. Those were such good days. True Father often said so, too. Those days were the best days. All in all, we could missionize many people when



Professor Yang is singing a song at True Parents' birthday celebration and True Father is dancing to her song. True Father was on special leave from Danbury Prison.

we provided a large quantity of delicious food.

We were happy and inspired and always in a festive mood as we listened to lectures, ate delicious food, danced, and sat around and listened to True Father. Professor Young-oon Kim also listened to the lectures for a month at my place. Rumors spread throughout the university about what I was doing.

I did this for three months. Many people joined the church during this period. It was during this period when most of the senior members joined. I used up all my money within those three months.

It was indeed a historic three months! Many of those who joined the church during this time were blessed among the 36-couple group and later built up the foundation of the church. Students from Yonsei University also joined and the number of church members increased rapidly. In his autobiography *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, True Father referred to this period.

The dean overreacts

"We were intoxicated with love.... We were connected by an inner cord of love that let us communicate with God.... Many students came, but they

did not come just one or two at a time. Dozens came, and their numbers grew in geometric progression. This surprised the established churches and us as well. ... Dozens of Ewha students packed up their belongings and moved out of the dormitory. This happened on a single day.

In 2012, True Mother exhorted us to "march forward without ceasing" and expressed her earnest hope for us to "march forward with the spirit of the early days when the church developed dramatically as spirit and truth guided us in missionary activities." The "early days" True Mother referred to were illustrated in Dr. Yang's testimony. It was indeed the golden age of great resurrection.

The dean of Ewha Womans University, Hwal-ran Kim (Helen Kim) was alarmed at the influx of students into the Unification Church. Finally, she sent a special envoy, Professor Young-oon Kim of the Department of Religious Social Welfare to find out the weak points of our teachings, so she could accuse us. Professor Kim had studied theology in Japan and Canada. As a promising female theologian, she was smart and was also popular among the students. Armed with intelligence and emotion, Professor

Kim came in with determination to defeat us. She was like a sharp knife. The students held their breath and prayed as they peered at her listening to the lectures from the room next door.

However, Professor Kim, who had studied about the mystic theologian Emanuel Swedenborg (1688–1772) became softer and brighter as she heard about the incorporeal world during the lecture on the Principle of Creation. She also met True Father and by the time she heard all of the lectures, rather than loudly expressing her feeling of inspiration, she quietly raised her hands and said, "Wonderful. I'm overwhelmed. I have no other choice but to join this church." Professor Kim later becomes the first missionary to the United States.

Persecution followed the expulsions

On the other hand, Dean Kim should have humbly accepted it if her special envoy Professor Kim said the Unification Church was "wonderful," but that was not possible for a university supported by Christian foundations. Dean Kim, together with established Christian churches, started attacking our church adamantly. They forced the professors and students to



Professor Yang directing a choir at the 124-couple Blessing Ceremony held in Seoul Citizen's Hall on July 24, 1963



A calligraphic message Father wrote for Professor Yang at the former headquarters church (January 27, 1965, Cheongpadong, Seoul)

choose between their faith and the school.

Professor Yang referred to this incident in her own words in her autobiography. "On May 11, 1955, students were expelled and professors were fired without discussion. They told them to choose between Ewha Womans University and the Unification Church, so I decided to withdraw myself from Ewha University for a greater purpose." Ewha University fired five professors and expelled fourteen students. Yonsei University also fired one professor and expelled two students.

At first, the media criticized the universities for expelling their students because of their faith. However, the universities began a campaign of false rumors and used their connections with the media so that leading newspapers printed critical news about the church. Ridiculous stories that would make the public view the church as heretical raced like wildfire through Korean society. They told rumors that we shocked new members with electric-current so they could not move, that we fed them food laced with drugs and that we danced naked. On July 4, 1955, True Father was led to Seoul's Chungbu Police Station (Special Intelligence Section of the Office of Public Order)

and within the next few days, five top members of the church were also taken into custody.

But since the rumors were groundless, they could not find any evidence of criminal activity through the investigations, and True Father was proven innocent on October 4. Nevertheless, the media was derelict in its duty to inform the public about True Father's innocence, and the stigma that disgraced the church during this period took root and bore the fruit of the evil intention. In his autobiography, True Father writes, "the cascade of vile rumors made it difficult for member to feel able to openly say they were from the Unification Church." We must liberate True Father from this sorrow that remains up to this day. Our hope is to offer glory to True Parents so they can forget all sorrow and bitterness and break out in a large smile.


Even in the difficult times that followed, missionaries carried out their work dauntlessly. With no visible foundation, they faced persecution every day. In response to their prayers, the spirit world gave them strength through dreams, visions and speaking in tongues.

Professor Yang wrote many holy songs during this period. In 1956, she wrote "Pledge" in January, "Suffering

Jesus" in March, and the holy song I am introducing in this article "Yumejide Tenno" (the verse in Korean was introduced in Part 1 of this article in the January issue of *True Peace*).

As I wrote in part one, it was a time when the spirit world directly and powerfully encouraged the members.

The good spirits and angels of heaven want to help True Parents and the church members in times of trouble. However, there is the law of indemnity in which we must undertake the unfulfilled mission of our forefathers as our indemnity and overcome it. Even today, when we run into difficulties that are hard to overcome, the good spirits, clenching their fists and in tears, are crying out "You must overcome this! You can do it. We are here to help you!"

As such, "Yumejide Tenno" is a song of hope sent to us from the spirit world through Professor Yang in order to encourage us. It expresses the heart of the forefathers who are calling out to the members around the world to hold up the torch of joy and ceaselessly march forward. Let us sense their hearts and proudly sing this holy song. 

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Music for Heaven and Earth

By David Eaton



David Eaton, composer and conductor in an early photograph by Dmichaele, Via Wikimedia

In her keynote address at the Rally of Hope on November 22, 2020, True Mother announced her intention to establish an international artists association. She also shared her view that the artistic expressions of Europe and its classical tradition were the progeny of Christian culture and that this tradition could be a model for art in the hyojeong cultural experience. She alluded to how the European artistic culture was a glorious expression based on the expectation of the return of Christ and the dawning of

Heavenly Parent's ideal world. In her speech she said:

In the past, as the Christian cultural realm waited for the Messiah to come again, an ancient, beautiful culture was formed with the European continent at its center. It is still loved today by all peoples of the world. That culture is the culture of longing for the Messiah. What I want to say now is that although, due to the Fall, people have been lacking in filial devotion to our Heavenly Parent, who has endured and waited six thousand years for us, I wish to see their beautiful arts—which express the love, joy and praise they return to their Parent—shining forevermore through the revolution of the culture of heart. The arts are also a swift path by which the world can become one.

Her comments in this regard echoed True Father's ideas regarding Western classical music. In a meeting with musicians in Cartagena, Colombia, in 1983 at the Sixth World Media Conference Father instructed:

Classical music has the ability to convey the expressions of the heart

in very profound ways. Classical music should be your foundation and you need to study the music of the European composers. With that foundation you can then take the Abel-type elements of other musical styles—Jazz, Folk, Pop—and combine them into one style that transcends those individual styles. That's New Age music!

True Mother also mentioned in a meeting in May 2019 that she enjoys Italian classical music because of its connection to the Christian cultural heritage. In a subsequent meeting on May 12, 2020, she stated that music can be a way to unite East and West and that through culture we can create a common bond of heart. Again, she referenced the glorious Christian culture in music. Her desire is for composers in the hyojeong sphere to create new songs that express the heart of Heavenly Parent in the process of creating a culture of peace. It is clear that she distinctly views the Western classical tradition as being an important source of inspiration in that endeavor.

As True Mother noted, a significant reason for taking this perspective is because the Europeans, in spite of their myriad problems, embraced



Classical musicians under the direction of Italian conductor Andrea Vitello

Christianity and created their culture and societies based on Judeo-Christian beliefs. As the early church in Rome developed through the Middle Ages music with liturgical connotations became increasingly important in worship practices.

As musicologist Bruno Nettl observes, all religious spheres going back to antiquity utilized music in their rituals. We find in the Analects of Confucius, the ancient texts of the Sumerians and Hebrew teachings that music possessed a certain moral power and played an important role in shaping the dispositions of people in those cultures. Confucius would go so far as to say, "If one should desire to know whether a kingdom is well governed, if its morals are good or bad, the quality of its music will furnish the answer." In the view of the thirteenth-century kabbalist Rabbi Jacob ha-Kohen, proponents of Jewish mysticism likened musicians to high priests, "who properly direct their fingers over the holes and strings of their instruments to awaken the Holy Spirit through prayer." In the ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church we find an emphasis on the stimulation of the physical senses through artistic beauty—music, stained-glass windows, incense and architecture. It was thought that by emphasizing aesthetic beauty one's spiritual senses could be "awakened" and a higher consciousness could be attained.

It's interesting to note that St. Augustine wasn't initially favorable towards having music in the church due to its pagan associations. Augustine's timorous distrust of music's pleasurable attributes created a cognitive dissonance for him because of music's sensual properties. He would say, "For the senses are not content to take second place." Yet because he intuited that music could be beneficial in the process of helping "weaker spirits develop a devotional frame of mind," he eventually became inclined to approve of the custom of singing in the church. Rather than being ensnared by his anxiety with regard to the sensual properties of music, he reasoned that the benefits of music in the church outweighed the dangers, but vigilance and wisdom were always necessary.

True Mother also referenced Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation in her keynote speech. Luther was a composer of hymns and it was his contention that music was "a sermon in sound." Johann Sebastian Bach, a devout Lutheran, believed music's primary purpose was to praise and glorify God.

Beauty, whether in nature or art, can be sensual and enticing. The human desire for beauty is atavistic—a primal impulse. Emmanuel Kant posited that all people possess the innate desire to experience that which is aesthetically pleasing and stimulating. Though Kant couldn't

rationally explain why this was so, he nevertheless understood that the human yearning for beauty is real and universal because all people possess this desire. Beauty can be considered our Heavenly Parent's expression of love to humankind and the feminine aspect of God's divinity.

Music's sonic etymology

Though all music is the result of physical phenomena (vibratory energy in motion), the development of the musical grammar and syntax in the Christian Church in Europe evolved in a way that embodied many of the tenets of the Principle of Creation as defined in the Divine Principle. The tenets of polarity, subject/object, give and take action, the triple object purpose, origin/division/union, the three stages of growth and numerology are fundamental to the Western classical musical tradition. As such, this particular music is ontologically in accord with the primary characteristics of our Heavenly Parent.

Accordingly, this music has spiritual essences that we perceive to be godly. In her book *Unification Theology and Christian Thought*, Dr. Young-oon Kim offers the following perspective regarding aesthetics and truth in art:

It is in the trans-moral dimension of aesthetic experience that beauty approaches God. All the laws from and within God—give and take,

polarity, harmony—connect beauty from all cultures. And to the extent that they clearly amplify and substantiate God’s nature they evoke a response of love and appreciation from man. Since God represents absolute love and freedom, beauty is never confined.

Though it was Pythagoras who discovered and mathematically codified the sonic properties of pitch production found in nature, it was the religious composers in Europe—Italy, Germany, the Netherlands and Austria—who developed the art of musical composition from its earliest incarnations of Gregorian chant and plainsong, to its most evolved utterances. When J. S. Bach, the greatest exponent of Christian liturgical music, eventually pioneered the tuning system known as “equal temperament” in 1722, the final piece of the sonic landscape of Western music was in place. All Western music as we know it—Classical, Jazz, Gospel, Rock, Blues—would not exist without Bach’s systematic codification of pitch production and his ingenious tuning method.

It is my contention that because Christianity was the central religion in the providence of heaven, the revelations regarding musical composition, as well as science, medicine, astronomy and physics, were revealed to great extents in Christian Europe. I believe this is why True Parents have emphasized this cultural tradition as being especially meaningful.

The divine nexus of music and mathematics

As the Western tonal syntax evolved from Gregorian chant in the ninth century and then through the Renaissance into the 1700s, the harmonious relationship between the physical and mathematical properties of sound production known as the overtone series (Pythagoras’ discovery), became the basis for the art of music. This “principled” syntactical organization of pitches and intervals became the foundation for musical composition in the West. Not so coincidentally, the tonal properties of the Western musical syntax are predicated on the laws that Dr. Kim alluded to in significant ways. Polarity, give and take, subject and

object, triple objective purpose and numerology are fundamental to Western music theory and practice.

For example, Western diatonic music has two basic modalities (major and minor) and divides the octave into twelve equal parts (semitones). The seven-note scale (with the eighth note being the new beginning of a new octave), is the primary intervallic structure of its melodic properties. There are seven “sharp” key centers and seven “flat” key centers and the basic chord structure of harmony is predicated on the triad; a three-note combination of pitches. The subject/object relationship of what are called the tonic chord and dominant chord in a given modality is what determines an identifiable aural basis of a particular key center.

The technique of harmonic grammar in tonality known as “figured bass,” is founded on “four-part” writing and is predicated on the four vocal timbres of soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Moreover, as the symphony orchestra evolved as a prominent instrumental ensemble from the 1700s through the 1900s, we find three distinct groups of pitched instruments in the orchestral sound palette—woodwinds, brass and strings. Within each of these groupings there are four principal instruments that correspond to the aforementioned vocal timbres of soprano, alto, tenor and bass. In the woodwind group we find flutes, oboes, clarinets and bassoons. In the brass group we have trumpets, horns, trombones and tuba. In the string group we find violins, violas, cellos and basses.


Sonata form, a primary structural premise in the Western classical tradition, is a manifestation of the three stages of growth and origin-division-union action. In sonata form we find three structural pillars: the exposition (two musical themes are presented), the development (the two themes are expounded upon in various ways), and the recapitulation (the themes are rejoined in a harmonious union). Most of the symphonies and sonatas composed in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries by Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Brahms, Schumann, Schubert, Dvorak and Tchaikovsky are predicated on sonata form.

The concept of polarity is of great

significance in the Western classical musical tradition as well. Consider the following polar opposites that are prominent in Western music:

Consonant intervals/Dissonant intervals
Major keys/Minor keys
Tonic chords/Dominant chords
Diatonicism/Chromaticism
Adjacent pitches/Non-adjacent pitches
Parallel motion/Contrary motion
Loud/Soft
Fast tempos/Slow tempos
Long notes/Short notes
High pitches/Low pitches
Crescendo/Decrescendo
Getting faster/Getting slower

There are many other such examples but suffice to say that there is ample evidence to support the idea that Western classical music theory and practice, from an ontological perspective, is strongly aligned with the precepts articulated in the Principle of Creation. Of course, a number of these characteristics are found in non-Western music. However, it is in the Western classical musical tradition that these characteristics—most significantly the development of a sophisticated harmonic grammar that are aligned with the physics of pitch production—were used with great efficacy in the musical presentation of liturgical texts.

The German romantic poet Friedrich Schiller, who studied theology and was Beethoven’s collaborator, famously asserted, “Only through Beauty’s morning-gate dost thou penetrate the land of knowledge.” True Mother’s intuition regarding the beauty of the classical art of Europe is indicative of her affinity for appreciating beauty, as well as her understanding of how the arts can be transformational. Like True Father, she views beauty as the gateway through which humankind can be touched by, and eventually saved by the truth. In this respect she is the spiritual harbinger of a new artistic paradigm that represents hyojeong culture and expresses the ideals of Godism. 

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