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A Path to Korean Reunification

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I am a co-regional president of heavenly Korea; I head subregion two of FFWPU. Our district embraces Gangwon Province and Gyeonggi Province, where the DMZ crosses the waist of the Korean Peninsula, connecting the east to the west. The DMZ is emerging as a critical point in the era of a heavenly unified Korea. It is no longer a region of conflict and struggle but is being transformed into an area of peace and reconciliation. In other words, the concept is changing.

The DMZ is a belt two-kilometers, north to south, centered on the Military Demarcation Line (MDL) and 248 kilometers west to east (155 miles). Under the provisions of the Korean Armistice Agreement signed on July 27, 1953, it was to be a buffer zone between North Korea and South Korea; however, the DMZ was intended to be free of arms. It is not a demilitarized zone as the name implies. It remains a heavily armed area, an HMZ, a Heavily Militarized Zone, a high-tech area with the highest military tensions on the planet.

The international community plans to create and operate a peace park in this high-tech security area. The goal is to improve inter-Korean relations and achieve South Korea's policy goals of epoch-making inter-Korean ties and peace. Based on these dynamics, the DMZ World Peace Park will become a North-east Asian world peace landmark. The DMZ World Peace Park will open the door for peace between the two Koreas and secure peace within the DMZ by hosting the UN Fifth Secretariat, a UN office building. It will also attract international organizations such as the Organization of World Religions and the World Family Organization, creating peace and harmony between the two Koreas after reunification.

In order for the DMZ Peace Park to go beyond its purpose as a peace zone for our people and to develop into a symbol of peace for the world, the understanding of the DMZ as a demilitarized zone formed between the south and north military demarcation lines needs to become one focused on establishing a future-oriented identity. By doing this, we will achieve great national unity and the Republic of Korea will take another leap forward, thereby providing a foothold for our descendants, who will live as responsible leaders in the international community and contribute to world peace and the co-prosperity of humankind.

The modern development of the Republic of Korea, which had been poor after the Korean War, provides hope and challenges to economically underdeveloped countries. The people of the Republic of Korea have the mission of providing a vision for the future to the people of these countries who are looking at us, watching our progress.

The Republic of Korea, which should now contribute to world peace and the co-prosperity of humankind, has to start by remembering and giving thanks to the more than sixty countries that provided aid to Korea and the sixteen UN member states that took part in the Korean War.

Although we might need practical cooperation and coordination, we will require North Korea's forward-looking attitude and the international community's engagement and support for the Korean Peninsula. In subregion two, together with the UN and related countries, we will work toward realizing the vision of turning the DMZ into a landmark of world peace, which is the main purpose of creating a World Peace Park within the DMZ and hosting the fifth United Nations' Secretariat there.

As a national agenda for creating the world peace park, we want to design a world peace ecological park and a world peace memorial park and create a space in which people from all over the world can heal wounds caused by war and dream of a peaceful world. Meanwhile, I propose creating an intelligent farm eco-city centered on the agriculture and livestock industries, centered on Pyongyang County and Sepho County, located in North Korea.

It is now necessary to go beyond the ideological level and promote concrete projects to create a culture in which the two Koreas cooperate and communicate. I sincerely hope that this year, which marks the thirtieth anniversary of True Parents' visit to North Korea, we can quickly bring to a close the providential tasks needed to reunify the two Koreas. 

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The Background and Significance of the Founding of the Unification Church

True Father delivered this address on July 15, 1970, at the Unification Church Headquarters in Seoul to believers in other faiths, all members of the Association of Religions in Korea.

Now, what I would like to briefly tell our guests here is how the Holy Spirit Association was founded. I believe the force behind my founding the Holy Spirit Association came from the will of God, or the Divine will, more than merely from human will.

As you well know, human society today and in history does not advance based just on the will of people. On the contrary, society advances toward one goal that is based on a greater will, which is centered on God. From that viewpoint, if the Holy Spirit Association were founded only by the will of human beings, I do not think it would contribute much to the world, to the future or to the flow of history. Accordingly, I founded this new religion based on the will of God.

Religion, I believe, is the institution that is able to combine the will of God and the will of humanity. Religion not only has to have God at its center, it has to embrace everything all people are longing for.

Then, what is the will of God? The will of God is not focused on any particular society; it goes beyond societies and nations. We cannot complete the will that God desires unless we adopt such a viewpoint. We can understand this by looking at human history.

In this sense, the will of humanity also must not be focused on any individual's will or single group's will. To be one with the will of God, it must be put into a greater context at the world level. I believe the mission of religion is to unite these two wills internally and externally.

Then what is needed in order to bring God and humankind into oneness? There must be something that is able to unite the love of God and the love of human beings. The love through which human beings can become one with God is not centered on a particular individual, a particular society or a particular nation. Rather, people have to achieve a bond of heart that loves humankind and the world, going beyond particular nations.

In this sense, the will of God and the will of human beings must be bound together in the form of a religion, and the center of this religion must be love. This love must be a love that is not exclusively for any particular society or nation; rather it must be a love that goes beyond the world and beyond everything. Without this, a religion cannot be true and will lack the foundation to have a global presence.

This is why until now history has moved forward with saints at the center. These were people who took their stand in relationship with the will of Heaven and not just the will of human beings. Their goal was to benefit not only a certain people, but the entire world, and even beyond the boundary of the world. It is the task of saints to teach this way of life. With this duty at its core, religion can connect the will of Heaven with the will of human beings. So the saints established the standard for binding the human way to the foundation of heavenly law. However, only teachings that transcend the boundaries of the world can be called the teachings of the saints. Based on these

ways, human beings today have established the way of humility and morality.

God longs for a global family of love

When we look at things from this perspective, if God and human beings want to become one, what is the central point where the two can come together? What is the decisive center that can connect the love of God and the ideal love for which humankind hopes? If God exists, it can only be the place that is closest to God. The base to make contact with the love of God is not a base of love centering on the individual. Unless it is a base of love that can embrace the world, the love of God and the love of human beings will not be able to connect.

Then, where is the most intimate place where the love of God and the love of human beings can bind together? It is the place where God's will is at the center and the will of human beings follows it. That is to say, it is the place where God's love is at the center and the love of human beings adjusts to it. When we seek the position that can be the most intimate, with the love of God at the center, it would be the position of becoming a true son of God. If there were a true son of God like that, with that son at the center, a true daughter of God would be needed. Then with that son and daughter at the center, it would be necessary to seek a true family that God can love, a true tribe that God can love, a true society that



The attentive audience appears to be deeply assessing what True Father is saying.



True Father with early members on May 1, 1954, the day of the Founding of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.

God can love, a true nation that God can love and a true world that God can love. With this understanding, I started the Unification Church of today based on the issue of how to unite the relationship of love between God and human beings on a global standard.

The love of God is surely realized only after going through a historical course, and we know well that the saints pioneered that course at the cost of their lives. So the saints have been guiding humankind until now with the teachings of God, which are centered on the heavenly way.

Then until now who would be the greatest saint among all the saints who have come and gone in history? Of course, the teachers of the Confucian classics would be important; but more importantly, we need a religion that teaches how God and humankind can be the most intimate. So which religion teaches that content? When we consider the religions that have endured until today based on this question, it seems to me that Christianity was introduced from a dimension higher than other religions. So, the Unification Church was started based on Christianity.

Let us examine Jesus in the context of this question. When he related with God, he did not relate with a nebulous being; he related with a tangible being who was an intimate part of his daily life. So when Jesus related to God, he called him "my Father." In the realm of affection, there is no position higher than a father. So Jesus opened the way for the relationship between God and human

beings to be that of parent and children, and he laid the foundation of heart to be able to bind them together. This tells us that in order to realize a world united by the love that God desires, there must surely be a foundation of affection, and this foundation of affection must be even beyond the parent-child relationship.

This is why Jesus called God, "my Father." He called out, "I am his only son, who had to come. In the whole universe I am the only person who can receive his love." In view of this, Christianity more than any other religion is based on the heart of God, gives concrete guidance and envisions God clearly and intimately. Jesus said, in effect, "I am the bridegroom; you are the bride." More than in any other religion, I consider that this illuminates the best starting point for developing the relationship of oneness with God. In addition, the first-century Christians who followed and believed called each other brother and sister. It was a new religious concept that all people are brothers and sisters.

The world of love that God is hoping for cannot be realized without absolutely achieving this standard of love. The world of love, the final goal, must be established through individuals whom God can love, through the family composed of such individuals, through the tribe composed of such families, through the society composed of such tribes, and through the nation composed of such societies. Without having that kind of loving foundation as a base, the world cannot be bound together in love. This

surely has to happen in the course of history.

Restoring the original relationship between God and human beings

History has advanced through the guidance of the saints and righteous people. Therefore, the question now is how today's societies, which represent the world and human history, are aligned with the teachings of the saints. If God exists, He would have had a purpose at the beginning, He would have gone through a process to achieve that purpose, and that process would head toward realizing one world. If Heaven is behind that providence, we cannot help but think about the issue of how to unite God's purpose with the historical course of humankind, who must follow that providence.

This being so, how can we build the relationship God originally intended to have with humankind? And how can we bring human affairs to have God's love at the center? We have to consider how we can unite our worldview with the will of God and with the overall relationships in the affairs of individuals, families, particular societies, and particular cultures. We formed the Holy Spirit Association with this original motivation. We will not just deal with those affairs; we will also bring it to the context of understanding that God is our Father. The issue of whether we have the intrinsic power to unite the world into one depends on bringing the world to the position where it can receive Heavenly Parent's love, centering on this teaching.

In a family, there are parents, husband and wife, and children. With these it becomes a base for happiness. The purpose for God seeking human beings is certainly so that God can find his own happiness. Accordingly, when God seeks happiness, it can only be found in a place with human beings. Only when God and human beings establish a relationship can there be a point of unity. Just as we feel happiness when we possess all the emotional content from our family, God too feels happiness when he dwells in such circumstances.

With this awareness, Jesus asserted Christ would have to return. For two thousand years Christians have embraced the ideal of the Second Coming and have been waiting for the time when Jesus would come again. What is the centerpiece of the Second Coming? This can be considered to be the marriage of the Lamb. Then, what is the marriage of the Lamb? It is left vague, yet it is no less than the beginning of the love that is to unite God and human beings. From the human viewpoint, it is a man and a woman becoming one. These two people are bound together as one and head toward the ideal world. Without preparing the foundation in this way, where humankind can go forward searching for the love of God, the goal of a world centering on God's love cannot be realized.

Therefore, when Jesus comes, he must establish the family that God is hoping for, and that family must be a true family. Until now, human beings have sought true love. False love must not be present in the family or society. Therefore, one true family must appear that has at its center the love of God that all people can share, a true family whose core is the greatest love that all human beings are longing for. Without such a family of



The first church in the Buk-hak Ward, Seongdong District of Seoul

love, the tribe of love cannot be formed. If such a tribe is not formed, the society of love cannot emerge, and without such a society, the nation and the world of love cannot be realized.

Therefore, in the providence of salvation that God has bestowed upon humankind, I consider that the highest-level human beings can experience and the highest ideal level God is seeking is in the family. Thus, in the Unification Church we have the terms "Blessing" and "holy wedding ceremonies." I am sure you have heard these terms many times.

Then, through what principle is a true family bound together? A true, original man and a true, original woman must be brought together centering on God. The Unification Church is teaching this kind of concrete concept. Such a family does not center on the individual. Instead, its focus widens to represent and encompass the world.

Families with that kind of focus and accomplishment in the realm of daily life have to be established on earth. Unless this is done, a new society, nation and world cannot be established. Because I believe this, the Unification Church has become the church that is being talked about so much today. It is finding a starting point to make a new beginning for the world, with the love of God and the love of human beings at its center. 

This is excerpted from Pyeong Hwa Gyeong, Book 2 Speech 1.



A Look Through Providential History

This was True Mother's message at the Special Gathering for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea Hosted by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind at Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Busan Church on May 23.



Faithful members in many nations could receive True Mother's guidance and connect with her heart.

I am happy to meet you all again! Our Creator, God, created all things in heaven and on earth and then created Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, to become humankind's ancestors. He gave them responsibilities to accomplish during their growth period. God, our Creator, intended to celebrate the original providential springtime with them once they had fulfilled their responsibilities. Yet, due to the Fall, the providential springtime that Heavenly Parent had dreamed of could not be realized. God, however, cannot change his principles of creation, so, sorrowfully, he had to commence the providential history of salvation. The ensuing six-thousand-year period of history has been winter—a dark, gloomy, bleak, cold winter. God sought to find the saviors, who were to become our victorious ancestors that could illuminate this world of darkness once again.

In the meantime, the population of the world greatly increased, and many nations came into existence. God chose Israel as his chosen people and through them, he desired to conclude the providential history of salvation. It took four thousand arduous years for God to finally send Jesus Christ, his only begotten son, of whom he could say "This is my son." However, what happened with the people of Israel? They did not accept him. Jesus could not avoid the path of the cross, yet he promised to return and conduct the marriage supper of the Lamb. Christian history began with waiting for Christ's return.

Christians, however, do not comprehend the character of our Creator nor why Jesus had to promise he would return. Since they were waiting for him with a human-centric mindset, they could not become a united body. Thus, what started out as the Catholic Church ended up spawning many Protestant denominations. Amid these circumstances, if the Messiah were to return, where would he go? He cannot go to a place where Christianity is not a united body but is divided into many denominations.

Even today, Christians do not understand where Christianity's final destination lies. This is terribly sad. Jesus said he would come again and

when he comes, he would hold the marriage supper of the Lamb; therefore, the people of today, especially Christian believers, need to find God's only begotten daughter. The only begotten daughter! They must know how, and where, the only begotten daughter will come.

If I do not do this, it will not be done

God worked extremely hard and then chose the Korean people through whom he sent his only begotten daughter. Before Jesus ascended, he said, "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." Hence, the person to fulfill the responsibility of the returning Messiah must seek out the many things that Jesus could not say.

And he must create an environment through which the marriage supper of the Lamb can take place. He must find many followers. In other words, in the position of having found and established many citizens who are aware of God's providence, he must meet God's only begotten daughter.

Many of you have known Father since the early days. Those were truly difficult times. From when I was born, I knew of God's providence. I grew up knowing God as my parent and knowing what his will was. Hence, thinking that if I do not do this, it will not be done, I stepped forward.

In 1960, the world's population was just over three billion. Today, the population has more than doubled. No one had prepared a supporting environment at the time True Parents emerged. I had to endure and wait patiently. In other words, the sixty years of True Parents' providence up until the proclamation of Cheon Il Guk was like winter. It was a cold, freezing, dark winter when we had to continuously invest our effort to advance toward hope and pioneer the establishment of a supportive environment. We had to create an environment wherein people could attend Heavenly Parent in order to welcome springtime. This was True Parents' responsibility. Knowing this, I took innumerable paths, simply enduring as I waited for the right time.

Who proclaimed Cheon Il Guk? Now that we have proclaimed Cheon Il Guk, we must create the environ-

ment in which we can live in attendance to our Heavenly Parent. For sixty years, we invested much effort. Can you therefore imagine the heart I felt when I stepped up, pledging in front of God to restore the environment for Cheon Il Guk within seven years?

Unity with True Parents is essential

I thank the district pastor for his touching prayer. Yes, being God's daughter, being a devoted daughter who must realize Heavenly Parent's dream without fail, and being God's only begotten daughter, the True Mother of humankind, I waited, persevering on and on. Finally, we have created an environment that the world can recognize. Now, many righteous people around the world and many religious prophets are resolving to become my sons and daughters and to support me as the only begotten daughter and True Mother.

You need to understand that you are living in a time that is truly miraculous. God's providence is developing across the world, and we are finally dedicating a holy temple in which True Parents can attend God, our Heavenly Parent, on earth—something we could not have dared dream of seeing, even once, in six thousand years! This is something so many people and particularly religious people have longed for. However, Heavenly Parent cannot come into an environment where there is no unity. Heavenly Parent can only come where there is unity with True Parents. That is why, while I am on earth, I will work every day to bring into reality, one after the other, the things that Heavenly Parent dreamed of in the original garden. More importantly, our devotion and efforts will be essential to restore this creation, this earth devastated by humans, who have lived in ignorance, to its original state.

There are many unsolvable problems arising across the world: the religious conflict that continues in the Middle East, the brotherly Abrahamic religions fighting one another; superpowers seeking after their own benefits, unaware of God's providence, and wasting trillions—and yet people are starving. Who is



- ① Young-bae Park, subregion 5 president and his wife giving flowers to True Mother
- ② Second- and third-generation members giving flowers
- ③ Korean presidents of subregions 1,2,3 and 4 presenting gifts to True Mother
- ④ Dr. Young-ho Yun was the master of ceremonies
- ⑤ Korea's subregional leaders, Jin-tae Joo, Bo-guk Hwang, Kyung-deuk Yoo, Sang-jae Lee, Young-bae Park and Yong-heum Lee, co-chair of the K-J Tunnel Study Group reported on their activities.
- ⑥ Youth and Students for Peace dancing
- ⑦ Little Angels performing
- ⑧ All subregion 4 leaders pledge to do their best

to resolve all these problems? Who is to educate people?

With the earth being devastated, superpowers who think there is no future here, say they will develop things in space. How great it would be if they could invest the tremendous amount of money that goes into this toward restoring areas such as the deserts, and forests like the Amazon that are experiencing destruction!

How great it would be if the astronomical amounts of money used in outer space were to be directed toward reviving our Earth and enriching the environment? That would be wonderful! That would be truly wonderful! We must therefore teach people that our Creator, God, the owner of this universe, is also our Heavenly Parent.

God's providence has been bringing about environments that can bear greater fruit for the future, for the coming spring. In the early days, blessed families shared the same difficult environment as we did. What is sad is that although they were born

through True Parents, they did not know that they had to bear the responsibility of maintaining absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience in front of Heaven, and that, in front of Heaven, the center was God's only begotten daughter, the True Mother.

The Bible tells us, "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin." This is the last opportunity. My heart so longs to erase as many traces of the Fall from amid fallen humanity for the sake of our Heavenly Parent, and I have run until now on this one path. However, each person must fulfill his or her responsibility.

There can be no future if you say this and that, making excuses when you have not fulfilled your responsibilities. Aren't people that cannot become "grains," or even "chaff," and whose lives leave no trace, unfortunate? Would you agree? [Yes.]

I am giving you another opportunity. You need to understand that you are living in a time that is truly miraculous, how God's providence is developing across the world, and how we are finally dedicating a holy temple where True Parents can attend God, our Heavenly Parent, on earth—something we could not have dared dream of seeing, even once, in six thousand years! This is something so many people and particularly religious people have longed for. However, Heavenly Parent cannot come into an environment where there is no unity. Heavenly Parent can only come where there is unity with True Parents.

Who will solve these difficult problems?

Then, should we not convey the right understanding to those with wrong thinking? Surely! Please know that erasing as many traces of the Fall as we can is also the mission and responsibility of those who have received the Blessing. Do you understand what I mean? [Yes.]



That is why, while I am on earth, I will work every day to bring into reality, one after the other, the things that Heavenly Parent dreamed of in the original garden. More importantly, our devotion and efforts will be essential to restore the creation, the Earth, to its original state, after having been devastated by humans who have lived in ignorance.

There are many unsolvable problems arising across the world—the religious conflict that continues in the Middle East, the brotherly Abrahamic religions fighting one another; superpowers seeking only their own benefits, unaware of God's providence, and wasting trillions—and yet people are starving. Who is to resolve all these problems? Who is to educate people?

I cannot understand this. With the earth being devastated, superpowers who think there is no future here, say they will develop things in space. I do not know what they are aiming for through their space programs. How great it would be if they could invest the tremendous amount of money

that goes toward restoring areas such as the deserts, and forests, like the Amazon, which are experiencing destruction! There are many different opinions, with some saying that the world's population should not increase further as we are gradually facing scarcities of water and oxygen. How great it would be if the astronomical amounts of money used in outer space were to be directed toward reviving Earth and enriching the environment? That would be wonderful! We must therefore teach people that our Creator, God, the owner of this universe, is also our Heavenly Parent.

The way to being remembered in history for eternity is by becoming devoted and loyal sons and daughters in relation to our Parent. In this way, your name can remain known for eternity. Therefore, when it comes to educating people so that they no longer carry out foolish actions or make bad judgments, each organization within Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, whether it be UPF or FFWPU, must boldly speak about this

with people and educate them. That is why I have broken the Family Federation into five subregions and have empowered each of them. I will also empower the five UPF subregional leaders.

Hyun-young Lee, I want you in the headquarters working to win the heart of those in the Blue House, the political circles, and the National Assembly in the capital city area.

This morning I met those who work at the Korea-Japan Tunnel Foundation. I am now making sub-region five a central axis in the Korea-Japan Tunnel Foundation. Together with Japan's sub-region five, make sure you see this through to the end. Do you understand?

Young-bae Pak! [Yes!] And sub-region five of Japan is... Jong-pil Pak! Please work as one; you two need to educate the top leaders of Japan and the top leaders of Korea. You must let them know that this is the only way for this nation to become a unified Korea, a heavenly unified Korea. Do you understand? [Yes.] Then, today is a good day. ㄹ



Do Not Hesitate

True Mother's message at a special meeting celebrating the first anniversary of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, which the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind hosted on May 27.

You must not forget this moment. Always reminisce over it, and continue advancing forward. Do you understand? God chose the Korean people, but it would have been impossible for True Parents to emerge with a monarchy in place. Therefore, when the monarchy ended, Christianity made a significant contribution to the birth of democracy in this nation at that time. The future births of the True Parents were also destined to occur on the Christian foundation.

As you have seen from the report that has just been made, Islam was the first religion, even before Christianity, to fully accept me when I said "I am the only begotten daughter." The tradition is that followers of

Islam cannot easily accept the idea of the Messiah, but they will accept the only begotten daughter. The only begotten daughter, the substantial Holy Spirit, the mother of the universe! We need to know that new life cannot come into existence without there being a mother.

That is why, when I went down to visit subregion five this time, I told members to speak boldly, regardless of who in the government they are addressing—to speak of the truth in front of people who are well established and successful. Because Christianity played a big role in gaining the independence and democratization of Korea, most of the people working in political circles to this day, and at this very moment,

have Christian backgrounds.

However, this Christian background that could easily make them think that they alone are right, is gradually weakening. As was just mentioned, 37 percent of professed Christians are not going to church services. There are many denominations within Protestantism itself, for example, Presbyterian churches, Methodist churches, Holiness churches, Full Gospel Church, etc. They are all waiting for the Messiah. However, if the Messiah were to come, where would he go? Would he be able to build upon the limited foundation of the Presbyterian Church? Where would he go? He wouldn't have anywhere to go.

You must inspire Christians to



- ❶ The daughters-in-law giving flowers at the first anniversary of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community
- ❷ Sub-regional presidents giving flowers
- ❸ Dr. Yun and Chief of Staff McDevitt giving gifts
- ❹ Jong-kwan Kim, chairman of the Hyejeong Global Unification Foundation (right) and Gerard Willis, chairman of the HJ Magnolia Korea Foundation, offering gifts
- ❺ True Mother cutting the celebration cake
- ❻ The wives of True Mother's grandsons sang
- ❼ Dr. Yun was MC, Chief of Staff McDevitt read hoondokhae, Cheonshimwon Director Lee prayed
- ❽ The event ended with cheers of Oeg Mansei



understand this. "What is the ultimate purpose you wish, hope, and seek to realize?" To brand us as heretics just because we are different, while they do not know God's will or Jesus' hopes, is an affront to Christ. It is insulting. What can such people say? Teach them properly about the truth of the providence. Do you understand?

"Christianity alone is not enough. You must also join the Family Federation and receive the Blessing." This is what you should say. Do you understand? So when people who say they respect and support me speak in front of me, and say "Although I am not a Unification Church member..." I don't really like it. If they had seen the work I have done on a large scale, they could not say that. They should

say something like, "I am not so familiar with this yet..." Right?

"I have to learn this." "I should seriously study this." You must teach people until you hear them say such things. Do you understand? When that happens, a Heavenly Unified Korea will not be difficult to realize. There is nothing to fear anymore. In other words, there will no longer be any barrier blocking the truth.

Until now, Christians have been in the way. But now, boldly ask them, "When is the Messiah you have so long waited for coming? What do you expect will change when the Messiah comes?" They are still living in the Old Testament Age. What about us? We are living in the Era of Cheon Il Guk. There is a huge gap. Then what

should you be afraid of? Go out confidently.

So, we can fulfill national restoration by 2023! Or not? We can do it. Though I gave time for the restoration of one-third of the world's population, have we not seen results even just in one year? Do you know how much God has endured and how long he has waited? Six thousand years and another sixty years—we cannot make God wait any longer! That is why I emphasized the importance of the time we have on earth. Blessed families and Cheonbo families are responsible to actualize the kingdom of heaven on earth during their earthly lives. Will you do this? I am eagerly waiting for the day I can be very proud of you. Aju! ㄸ



Our World is in Crisis

This was True Mother's address from Cheon Jeong Gung to youth at the Heavenly Japan Top Gun Assembly in the FFWPU-Japan national headquarters building on May 29.

Thank you. You indeed are the never-changing green pine trees of Cheon Il Guk and our hope for the future. It is only you, the *hyojeongrang* [heavenly treasures] who can realize the dream of God's only begotten daughter, the True Mother.

I listened, with profound inspiration, to the reports you have prepared. Due to the Fall of the first human ancestors, human history has continued to this day as a history of war, conflict and pain. Therefore, to see the completion of God's providence, it is essential that victorious True Parents emerge from among humankind. Without their emergence, Heavenly Parent's dream and the wish humanity has so longed for,

cannot be achieved.

When we look at what is happening around the world, particularly with the COVID-19 pandemic, small and large countries alike have faced more than one year of tremendous difficulties. In such a time, the extreme serious circumstances of our existing environments around the world are making it difficult for humanity to find hope. As a result, young people, who should be growing into future central figures, are committing suicide, losing hope and losing their lives. The world is in a critical state, particularly when it comes to religious and ideological conflicts. At such a time, you within the second- and third-generation realm, born through True Parents, are

the only hope.

In Japan until now, you have worked so hard, investing and bringing in tenfold results. This, however, could not bring about national restoration. Therefore, please invest tenfold, a hundredfold more effort. Let people know that you alone are Japan's hope. Those in the first-generation realm created numerous problems that could not be all solved. You, therefore, must educate and awaken others. Even when it comes to the Korean-Japanese problems, what politicians of the first-generation realm think about comes from their own self-centered interests. This will only be an obstruction in the way toward a world of peace wherein all people live as one large family.



Therefore, I hope you raise your voices, educate them and further expand the environment so that people in all fields can work uprightly. Furthermore, the mission of the mother nation is also very important in God's providence.

Until now, mankind has lived for six thousand years like orphans who lost their parents. Their parents are to establish Cheon Il Guk on earth and from the position of having firmly established Cheon Il Guk, their parents are to create the environment in which all people can live with, attend and follow our Heavenly Parent as the eternal parent of humankind. If, however, humankind does not cooperate, or falls back in supporting their

parents' work, there is certainly no hope for the future.

All religious groups have steadfastly worked extremely hard for so long in order to meet their parents. From this background, True Parents are seeking to create an environment in which we can all live with, attend and follow the Heavenly Parent as our parent, here on earth. Therefore, please make more effort to ensure you do not become like unfortunate first- and second-generation members, who are not participating in this and missing this golden time. Please solve the Korea-Japan issue.

Leaders around the world are participating in God's providence without even being aware of it. You are hearing reports on activities

- ① True Mother speaking to participants in The Japan Top Gun Assembly 2021
- ② Takeuchi Hiroaki, vice-president of FFWPU-heavenly Japan, gave a speech at the Top Gun Assembly
- ③ Sang-Il Bang, regional president of heavenly Japan gave a speech at the Top Gun Assembly.
- ④ Young people provided entertainment

conducted by righteous people and prophets as well. Living in such a time, please strongly, boldly and courageously raise your voices and reach out to those who are not participating. I am truly happy that with you, I can return gratitude and glory to Heavenly Parent. I love you all. 

SPECIAL FEATURE 1

PEACE STARTS WITH ME, *Peace and Blessing*

Peace & Blessing



Emulate the Spirit of the Puritans

This was the speech that True Mother delivered at the Peace Starts with Me event on June 5 in the US, June 6 in Korea.

Beloved leaders from every area of the world,
Today, you are at a turning point; you must decide something for the sake of the many people who follow you. The first human ancestors were forced to leave their Creator, God, and bequeathed to us the history we have today, replete with war and conflict.

Moreover, today we are also fighting a war against an unforeseen virus. People have dreamed of experiencing even a single day of complete freedom and peace for thousands of years, however, it has yet to appear. The Creator had no choice but to act according to the principles of creation. He could not abandon humankind and therefore began the history of the providence of salvation.

Nevertheless, it took six thousand years of God's providence until the time a person finally appeared among fallen people who could become the first human to victoriously unite with God—and that time is now. Two thousand years ago, Heaven chose a victorious son who could realize the ideal of the Creation. Yet, the people did not recognize Jesus Christ. Everything that Jesus was to take responsibility for on earth was stolen from him. In the end, as he hung on the cross, he said, "I will come again."

Christian believers waited a long time for Jesus, who had said he would come again. Yet they did not understand Jesus' essence, nor did they understand who God is. Since the Christian Church grew based on human thinking, they created numerous denominations. With all these



denominations scattered about, to which would the Lord return?

What you need to understand is that our God, the Creator, wanted to live with our victorious human ancestors on earth as their Heavenly Parent. In other words, he wanted to build heaven on earth together with human beings. However, without victorious human ancestors to cooperate with him, that will remained unfulfilled.

Through the two-thousand-year Christian history, God had to achieve the purpose that would establish his principle of creation without fail. That is why Jesus said he would come again and that when he did, he would host the marriage supper of the Lamb. Therefore, those in the Christian realm must search for God's only begotten daughter who would become Jesus Christ's bride when he returned.

Heaven knew that he could wait no longer. In order to build an environment for the returning Messiah, he allowed the founding of a nation that could unite all the nations tormented with division. That nation is today's America. America was built as a democratic nation due to the Puritans. The first thing they did was build a church to attend God and a school to guide their future [leaders]. Afterward, they built their homes.

However, it was not easy to fulfill their dream in their given environment; it has taken four hundred years of America's history. Throughout those four hundred years, many unspeakable things occurred. Especially during World War II, America played a central role in the Allied Forces and were victorious. Yet they did not understand how God's providence was being fulfilled centered on Korea.

If they had recognized God's providence and had heard God's voice, Korea would not be divided into North and South as it is today. In other words, America, blessed by God, failed in its responsibility. Nonetheless, God blessed America. Yet, after World War II, America and its youth found themselves in a serious state due to family breakdown, demoralization and drugs.

America was our home

Then, because we are the True Parents, because we understood God's desire to embrace all humankind by founding America, we came in 1971 to revive and restore America. We earnestly prayed for and clung to America, which was trying to leave God. Around that time, many young Americans received education from True Parents and went out to the world as missionaries. Even now, they still do their best at their missionary posts.

Today, I warn America: As a nation blessed by God, America must fulfill its responsibilities. America must never again be in a position of having betrayed God. In attending God, the Puritans understood the importance of family. However, what is the state of families in America today? How is it possible that some teenagers in their schools or communities—even elementary school students—are blindly firing guns in school and killing their

peers? I want American politicians to answer that question.

The Bible says, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks... but they shall all sit under their own vines." Conversely, America is one of today's powerful nations, so why do its citizens need to carry guns? Why are we just watching as this kind of environment unfolds, allowing people to discard life without reason? Thus, I believe we are at a point at which America, especially ACLC, America's Christian ministers, must make a decision.

Many things happened during the forty years True Parents invested in America. During the Danbury prison episode, the renowned Jerry Falwell Sr. called for religious freedom, and today his son supports us. Moreover, a representative of the political field, Orin Hatch, a former United States senator, filed petitions until he retired from office. As far as I know, he filed petitions even with former President Trump saying, America's investigation of Reverend Moon was incorrect. Because I had these righteous people to support me, I want to raise the flag that will reawaken America to adopt the Puritan spirit of its past.

I strongly assert that only by attending Heavenly Parent, whose desire is to become the parent of humankind, can we solve all our problems. That is the path to America's survival and the world's. In order to do that, I also strongly declare that the True Family Movement—which re-engrafts humankind as Heavenly Parent's sons and daughters through True Parents' Marriage Blessing providing revival and rebirth—is the way to save America and save the world.

With the help of the ACLC members and those affiliated with ACLC, who have shared my resolve until now, please invest all your efforts to actively become substantial messiahs in your tribes and expand the Blessing to American families. In support of this, I will have the New Yorker Hotel—in New York City, the center of America's economy and culture—fully remodeled. I will turn it into *Pyeonghwa Gungjeon* [Peace Palace], a space for peace education, in which all leaders from around the world can come to learn and take part

in the true love and true family movement.

We arrived in Washington D.C., which could be regarded as the world's capitol, during a time when communism was threatening America. We invested astronomical sums, which even American millionaires did not have, into founding the Washington Times, and with it, we invested everything into educating President Reagan, and all subsequent presidents, on how to protect America and on how America, a nation blessed by God and a representation of the democratic world, could live for the sake of the world. Therefore, I want to construct a new Washington Times Building in the heart of D.C., and because of its close relationship to the government, whenever world leaders visit Washington D.C., I hope to make it a must-visit location where they come to learn.

This is not just for the sake of America, humankind is lost, like an orphan with no knowledge of who her parents are. In order for America to become a nation that gives hope to humankind, I will construct a symbolic building that will plant seeds of the Blessing during the spring season of God's providence throughout America and the world as America overcomes its four-hundred-year indemnity period and embarks on a fresh start.

While the True Parents, whom humankind has yearned for and Heavenly Parent has dreamed of, are still on earth, we should build an environment beginning in Korea that can show what one universal family and heaven on earth look like. The day *Cheon Il Seong Jeon* [the Cheon Il Sanctum within the Cheonwon museum] was dedicated, we could attend Heavenly Parent for the first time in six thousand years. We are advancing toward the day when we celebrate God's Day globally with joy and gratitude.

I will conclude today's message with the hope that America fulfills its responsibilities and mission as the blessed eldest-son nation in the presence of Heavenly Parent, who has toiled here for four hundred years. I sincerely hope that you become sagacious citizens and administrators of America who will not miss another opportunity. Thank you. 

Blessed Couple Testimonies

LOVESTRUCK

Husband: I was born in Africa. My mom is German. Miambi and I have been blessed for three years.

Wife: The Marriage Blessing is probably the greatest accomplishment of Reverend and Mrs. Moon—the concept being more of a selfless love. Just to think that you can get people to agree to marry someone they don't know, for the sake of creating a better world, and that actually working out. This is something revolutionary that we want to be a part of.

Husband: The Blessing preparation was the time for me to dive into my spiritual life. It was very focused on spiritual guidance, focused on family. It felt like what I was doing mattered. I was kind of lovestruck.

Wife: You were lovestruck at first? You know, my mom found someone that was just the right match for me.

Husband: I wouldn't have thought when you're getting

married, that your support system is other people that get married as well. If that is something that you want to commit to with a bunch of friends—that's a cool option.

Wife: It's not always perfect. Not everyone can just do it just because they want to go to the Blessing. There is a lot of work that goes into it. A lot of our youth are looking for love in all the wrong places, and the Blessing answers a lot of questions when it comes to families and the way we experience love. I'm really also grateful for that preparation process.

On the morning of the Blessing, I became really excited. Just being able to get ready with everyone and thinking about what we're doing, it was really exciting. We got our makeup done, and all these things. So we were all just sitting there next to each other, supporting each other, and waiting for that big moment to come. And all the people that were there just made everything so much more worth it.

It truly was beautiful to share those moments and see other people's love stories. And in those moments, I realized that, you know, we're all in this together. I mean, it's still crazy to me that so many people agree to it, and that it





is still going strong. And when it finally came, and we got to stand up and repeat the vows to each other—in that moment, we realized, wow, we just committed ourselves to each other.

We're living in a time where a lot of young people feel like they want to be on the right side of history—so much racial division, and everyone is just looking for the right answer. Our youth are like, No, we want something different; we may not know exactly what it is. I think the Blessing is the place to look.

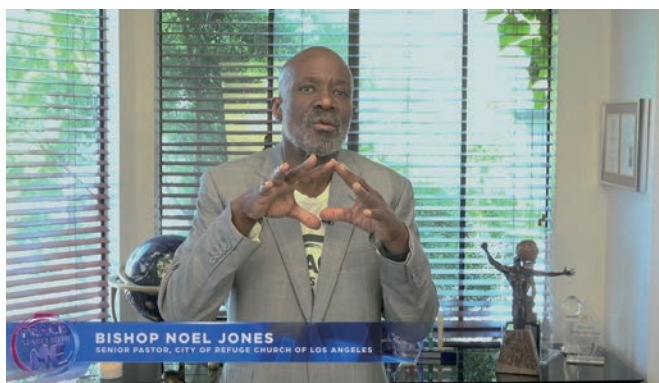
A SENSE OF MISSION

Husband: It's wonderful that you can find somebody who has the same ideals and the same principles as yourself.

Wife: We really need to embrace this different culture and discover the beauty of it. The goodness of something you don't know.

Husband: When I first heard about the Blessing, I thought, that's great, that's amazing. I don't have to worry about choosing the person who's going to be my spouse; God is going to choose the right person for me.

Wife: We can be vulnerable and surrender; just the joy that comes from God, being able to say, Now I know what you need. What I can give you. I know that you will not reject it. Right?



Husband: That's right.

Husband: It's a promise, not just between two people, but it's a promise between you and God, and between God and you. The Blessing was amazing; it was wonderful. It was such a high, and then it was like... [He pantomimes an airplane crashing from a high elevation into the ground, and then laughs.]

Wife: We're still here thirty-two years later.

Husband: Yes. So, my dear, after thirty-two years together are you ready for another thirty-two?

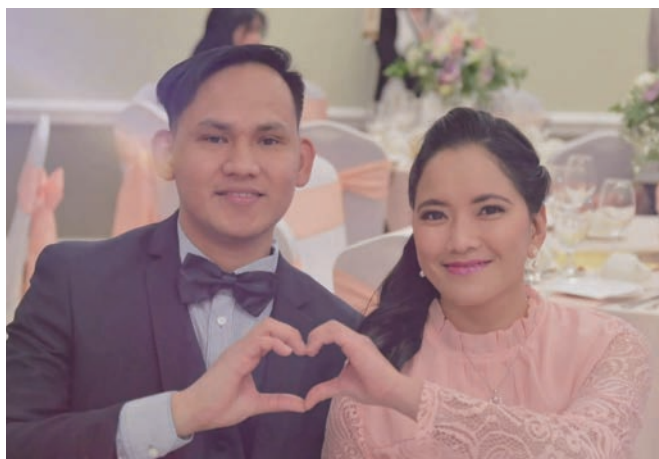
Wife: Sure. I love the idea that the Blessing is forever. Why wouldn't I want to be with the love of my life forever? So, the idea that this is not a transient experience but it will be carried with us. We'll still get to grow and love each other even more deeply, as time goes by.

Husband: We have a sense of mission about what we're doing; that it is not just us in this. We are opening the way to make a better future for our children, and for our country and for all of mankind.

MAKING THE PROMISE WORK

Wife: We have the same vision, same goals and also practices. We can think of a higher purpose, rather than thinking about ourselves.





Husband: You're marrying because you want to contribute to your community and toward fulfilling God's will.

Wife: You are making a promise. And then the challenge is how you are going to make this promise work. You know, it's not going to be one day, two days, or years; it's going to be an eternal promise. We promised together that we're going to work it out. I'm happy that finally I could marry a person that, you know, God wanted me to be with.

DARING TO DREAM

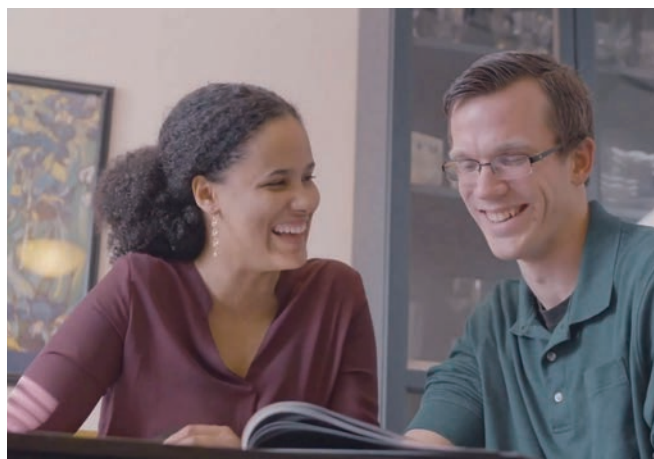
Wife: It might look like a marriage ceremony. You have couples that gathered from all different walks of life [perhaps] being from two different nations or different races.

In unison: We have two kids....

Husband (through laughter): So far, so good.

Wife: What's different about it is we're getting married for peace. That's often how we explain it to others. That's what makes it so beautiful. There's this sense of responsibility there as well.

Wife: It's not just something we jump into; because it takes a lot of preparation, and the ceremony is intentionally inviting God into our marriage from the start.



We're still figuring it all out. You have to put in a lot of effort into marriage. You have to be very intentional to make it work.

Husband: We try to come to an understanding because sometimes it's not always easy to speak to the one that is going to be closest to you.

Wife: It's this commitment to growth. The Blessing is just the beginning. You don't know what's going to happen but we're going to figure it out, and we're going to figure it out together....

Then when I turned, I was looking in your eyes, and you were just so serious in the commitment. I got weak in the knees, like, you know, like, it got really real then, right? This is no longer a concept; it's real. And it's Alexander Johannsen.

If you can just imagine, there are all these couples that are gathered together in front of everyone and it kind of adds even more to the depth of what the Blessing is. [Better World Speaker 8.5] The Blessing vow is... You just say, Yes! But that yes is like, "Yes, I'm all in."

Daring to dream; daring to dream that it's possible to create a better world and create a family, an incredibly happy, loving family; even if you didn't grow up or experience that. That hope and that dream, that's what makes the Blessing so powerful. Saying yes to that and saying yes to figuring it out. Yeah! 

These testimonies were aired during the June 5, Peace Starts With Me event in the United States.



The American Clergy Leadership Conference Celebrates Twenty-One Years

May 20–22, more than a hundred and fifty clergy members gathered at the International Peace Education Center (IPEC) in Las Vegas, where True Parents' love and sincerity were tangible, and held a graceful twenty-first anniversary ACLC conference.

On the first day, Chairman Chung-sik Yong and Dr. Luonne Abram Rousse each welcomed the members as ACLC co-chairs. They reflected on what ACLC has accomplished over the past twenty-one years and spoke of becoming ACLC clergy members that can facilitate True Mother's efforts to bring the Marriage Blessing to the people of the world.

Additionally, Ki-hoon Kim, chairman of the World Clergy Leadership Conference gave an encouraging

speech to thank the religious leaders for their hard work over the past twenty-one years, emphasizing the responsibility of Christianity and encouraging them to become one with True Mother.

On the second day, the clergy members started the day with all the participants reading the sermons collected in *Christianity in Crisis*, which True Father gave in 1973. After the reading, ACLC members commented that Father had given those speeches almost fifty years ago, but it was a precious time to remind ourselves of True Parents' amazing insights. They foresaw the mission of America and Christianity, and both warned and encouraged religious leaders.

In a presentation on ACLC's history, Dr. Michael Jenkins vividly

demonstrated True Parents' great path to embracing Christianity and to religious harmony in the US. WCLC Chairman Kim Ki-hoon emphasized that KCLC and WCLC were founded on the basis of ACLC, and that the hard work and love of True Mother was at the center, encouraging religious leaders to join and for Christians to seek religious harmony. Levy Daugherty, the FFWPU-Georgia state leader who played an important role in the founding of ACLC, testified about the background of ACLC and how much he came to love America and Christianity through a fifty-state tour.

Bishop Stallings, while covering what ACLC has been doing for the past twenty-one years and what level ACLC has reached twenty-one years later, went on to say he doesn't



Pastors in Korea for the founding of ACLC in May 2000 visited the old headquarters church.



ACLC members at the DMZ in 2000



One hundred and twenty religious leaders, members of the newly founded American Clergy Leadership Conference, learned much about Unificationist's spirituality while visiting the training center in 2000. Some walked up and prayed at the trees leading to the Tree of Blessing.

know what others have done, but he has been watching True Parents' footsteps for the past twenty-one years. As he joined them, following in their footsteps, he became convinced that True Parents are the Messiah, Savior, Second Coming of the Lord, and the living word itself. He called it an amazing blessing to have been able to participate in his True Parents' journey and in the vivid history of ACLC over the past twenty-one years.

ACLC co-chairman Dr. Rouse shared the direction and responsibility of ACLC in the future, focusing on the second seven-year journey centered on True Mother. Immediately afterward, the video "Mother of Peace," an introductory video about True Mother, was screened and we had time to open up our hearts about

True Mother. After the screening, Dr. Alexander and Dr. Edwards testified at length that True Mother is the only begotten daughter. After the testimony, all participants gathered their hearts and made a monetary offering for their True Mother who was coming to Las Vegas on June 5.

John Jackson, leader of the fourth district, emphasized the meaning and importance of the Blessing, stressing that one of ACLC's responsibilities is to lead not only oneself but also one's church members to heaven through the Blessing.

In the evening, everyone enjoyed ACLC's twenty-first anniversary celebration banquet. Following presentations of bouquets and cake cutting, there was a video screening of "Chosen," which followed True Parents' footsteps and highlighted

their achievements. This was followed by a keynote speech by Dr. Chung-sik Yong, who focused on the history of ACLC and the foundation it has laid over the past twenty-one years. He also looked ahead to the hard work of the upcoming seven years and eventually twenty-one years.

The last day began with us reading True Parents' teachings in *The New Future of Christianity*. Afterward, three clergy couples among the attendees drank holy wine and went through the rite of the indemnity stick. They had gone through a forty-day abstinence from marital practices and would soon go on to do the three day ceremony. They vowed to return to their church and share the Blessing with their congregation.

There was a sense of determination among the heads of the five districts and the pastors of ACLC in each district to fulfill the responsibility of delivering True Parents' teachings and further spreading Blessings throughout the United States. Since then, all participants have gathered with others around the globe to discuss specific plans and report on what they experienced and pledged to do while at the seminar. *TP*



In Imjingak, which is near the DMZ, the ministers released 150 doves of peace to celebrate the founding of ACLC on May 1, 2000.

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A DAY OF CELEBRATION AND OF HONORING GOOD DEEDS AND SACRIFICE

With the settlement of Cheon Il Guk, we have welcomed a new era, the era of Heavenly Parent's country. On Sunday, June 13, a Special Gathering in Celebration of the 59th Day of All True Things and the 67th Anniversary of the Founding of FFWPU took place at the Hyojeong Cheonwon Complex.

In a two-way live stream with Cheon Jeong Gung and the Cheongpyeong Training Center's Main Hall, the holy day celebrations were broadcast in fifteen languages through the Peacelink platform. People from all over the world took part in the celebration.

The event started with True Family members and members around the world offering a solemn bow to God. This was followed by messages of gratitude to senior blessed families from the 36-, 72- and 124-couple blessing groups, who have lived lives united with True Parents while overcoming harsh persecution and opposition in order to participate in True Parents' providential course.

HONORING RETIREES

The Hyojeong Retirement Ceremony celebrated the lives of people called by Heaven. These pastors gave moving testimonies reflecting on their lives as they received their Retirement Award Plaques of Achievement.

The co-regional presidents of Heavenly Korea expressed their respect and gratitude to the families of senior pastors and younger members who fulfilled their duties and together in harmony sang a song to celebrate this beautiful and glorious day.

This was followed by the Hyojeong Award Ceremony, which consisted of giving ministers that worked fifteen years and thirty-three years the Long Service Award. Also, forty blessed families and pastors who lead exemplary lives embodying hyojeong were selected from thirty-nine districts in seven regions to receive Hyojeong Family Award.

The beautiful life of the hyojeong family, selected by True Mother after long and careful consideration of each district, was shared for all to appreciate during the Hyojeong Sharing time in the service. At the center of all these testimonies was the story of a Japanese missionary to Tanzania that was martyred while in his mission country. The testimony of Missionary Masaki Sasamoto's family touched the hearts of many.

HARMONIOUS EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE AND HYOJEONG

The Cheonseung Choir of the Cheon Jeong Gung International Headquarters sang beautiful hymns with hyojeong-inspired lyrics. This special gathering took place in the presence of True Parents of Heaven Earth and Humankind.

Dr. Young-ho Yun, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, explained the significance of the sixty-seventh anniversary of the founding of FFWPU and shared information on the recent victorious Peace Festival in America, lifting everyone's morale.

The example of filial piety that goes beyond physical space is dedicated to the victorious True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Dr. Yun congratulated family members for the blessings they had received and blessed the bright future of the Unification family.

A hyojeong offering was given to the victorious True Parents, whose lives are examples of filial piety beyond physical and spiritual space. After the hoondokhae reading, which radiated the light of God's will, True Mother delivered a message of blessings and encouragement to blessed families shedding light on the bright future of the Unification Movement. Cheon Il Guk leaders from the nine regions showed their heart of longing toward True Mother. While True Mother listened to their messages of congratulations and determination with a beautiful smile!

Leaders and other members from around the world sang songs of peace and happiness together with the Little Angels, while reflecting deeply on the precious value and significance of this day in the history of the Unification Movement. Then all together, in closing, they determinedly pledged to become owners and masters that create the new culture and civilization of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.

A TRULY SACRIFICIAL LIFE

Masaki Sasamoto (1950–1981) was a martyr who lost his life in Tanzania. As a young man in Japan, he was intensely searching for truth. He studied philosophy at Husei University, and before encountering the Divine Principle, he had studied the Mormon and Jehovah's Witness teachings.

Mr. Sasamoto had artistic talent in sculpture and painting. He enjoyed hiking in the mountains. Once he climbed a mountain during winter and lost his way. In that life-threatening situation, he dug a hole in the snow and waited, expecting death to come, but rescuers found him instead.

Soon after that, he met the Unification Church and joined the Nagano Church in Tokyo on April 10, 1973. As a typical member, he sold flowers and for a time sold ginseng.

He and his wife Chieko were blessed among the 1,800-couple blessing group in Seoul on February 8, 1975, after which he was assigned as a missionary to Malawi. In a testimony he submitted after having completed three years as a missionary, he wrote, "Upon receiving the assignment as missionary to Malawi, I was puzzled at such an enormous blessing and could not believe that it was real. . . . "But considering True Parents deep love, I determined to sacrifice myself under any miserable situation, again and again. I left Japan on May 24, 1975, with a stalwart heart, thinking about how to actualize the heart of love and compassion and to meet God and True Parents expectations in Malawi."

He struggled in Malawi, being unable to communicate well with his fellow missionaries and with the local people. Mr. Sasamoto respected Malawians. The established churches, however, and the police persecuted missionaries.

He was known for his prayer life. At times, he would go to a nearby mountain to pray from dawn until midnight. On September 5, 1975, when the police took his fellow missionaries to the police station, Mr. Sasamoto eluded them and went to a mountain to pray. Later, he, too, was arrested and spent three days in jail. He understood that the police had shut down their mission work and he couldn't continue there. Upon his release from jail, he traveled to Zambia to join the missionaries there. He used his painting skills to create scenes of daily life, which Zambians enjoy and thereby connected with the Zambian people.

During a December 1979 missionary conference in Kenya, Mr. Sasamoto asked if he could transfer to Tanzania. His request was granted. He arrived on July 6, 1980 in Tanzania, a country which had imprisoned the original three missionaries and then deported them. In an effort to make a new start, Mr. Sasamoto climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest mountain. He was then the only missionary in Tanzania. He was struggling to generate funds, witness and renew his visa, but he persisted. A week before his wife was planning to join him in his mission, inexplicably, his life ended. On December 18, in a confrontation in his home with the police, who were perhaps looking for illegal residents, Masaki Sasamoto was shot twice and died. His body was discovered the following morning.

Three days later, his wife arrived. She identified her husband's remains and then immediately went to pray. Reportedly, she expressed her gratitude to Heavenly Parent for being able to make such a wonderful offering for the sake of Tanzania.

When True Parents heard the news, Father instructed that memorial services be held for Mr. Sasamoto in nations all over the world. True Parents honored Masaki Sasamoto with the title, martyr. He was buried in the nation he served, whose people he had labored to give rebirth. 



Let Us Realize Heavenly Parent's Dream

This was True Mother's speech at the Special Gathering in Celebration of the 59th Day of All True Things and the 67th Anniversary of the Founding of FFWPU on Sunday, June 13, which she delivered from Cheon Jeong Gung, Cheon Seong Wanglim Palace (Cheonwon Church) and Online.

Beloved leaders, blessed families and Cheonbo families around the world,
I am truly happy to see you all.
Today, we are thinking once again of the achievements and history of the blessed families, who have worked so hard until this day, the 67th anniversary of our organization. Would you like to celebrate the 100th anniversary in thirty-three years' time on earth together with True Mother, God's only begotten daughter? This is our earnest wish. The day we realize Heavenly Parent's dream and hope on earth,

during True Parents' lifetime, is the day when all of humanity will celebrate and offer glory as sons and daughters of our Heavenly Parent. Hence, I pray there will emerge many proud and victorious blessed families and Cheonbo families in the Unification Movement who will advance this toward that day and be remembered by history. I look forward to seeing whether we can celebrate the 100th anniversary through your devotion and love. Until that day, please stay in good health and do your utmost best with a grateful heart. 



- ① Dr. Young-ho Yun introducing participants in the commemoration from around the world as True Mother looks on
 ② Everyone applauds as True Mother cuts the cake.





- ❶ True Family members preparing to bow in front of the holy day offering table for the 59th Day of All True Things and the 67th anniversary of the founding of FFWPU on Sunday, June 13 at Cheon Jeong Gung, Cheong Seong Wanglim Palace (Cheonwon Church) and throughout the world via the Internet.
- ❷ Yeon-Ah Moon, wife of Hyo Jin Moon, and Julia H. Moon, wife of Heung-jin Moon, offering flowers
- ❸ Children offering flowers
- ❹ Jong-kwan Kim, chairman of the Hyejeong Global Unification Foundation (right) and Gerard Willis, chairman of the HJ Magnolia Korea Foundation, offering gifts
- ❺ Left: Sang-jae Lee, subregion 4 president and Jeong-seop Song, the Jeonnam area church leader, present a painting of forsythia, the flower that True Mother chose to represent subregion 4.
- ❻ Yeon-ah Moon and Julia H. Moon lighting the holy candles
- ❼ Dr. Young-ho Yun was the master of ceremonies; Mrs. Won-ju Jeong McDevitt read hoondokhae and Rev. Gi-seong Lee offered a prayer.
- ❽ The Cheonwon Church Choir entertaining the audience





- ① Following speeches expressing gratitude for the years of investment pastors from the 36-72- 124-couple blessing groups. Several pastors gave moving testimonies about decades of service to God, True Parents and their nation.
- ② Pastors receiving awards on the occasion of their official retirement according to their years of service
- ③ Pastors who served for thirty-three years or more receiving awards
- ④ Pastors who served more than fifteen years receiving awards
- ⑤ Forty pastors' families and forty other Blessed Families were awarded Model Family Awards.
- ⑥ With cheers of Eog Mansei and a shower of confetti the event reached its conclusion.





HJ BLESSED COUPLE AWARD

Heavenly Korea



From left: District 1: Dong-an Choi and Yang-sun Cho; District 2: Joo-hee Oh and Yuuko Kakutani; District 3: Hiroaki Tokunaga and Byung-mi Park; District 4: Sang-yeol Bae and Geum-man Ra; District 5: Kyung-hee Yang and Misao Itakura; New Korea Special District: Jong-hyung Kim and Kumiko Yamashita

Heavenly Japan



From left: Subregion 1-Yokoyama: Makoto and Li Ming Hua; Subregion 2-Kazuya and Setsuko Okazaki; Subregion 3-Soju and Chiyoko Iwaki; Subregion 4-Yuji and Akiko Baba; Subregion 5-Tadakazu and Nobuko Tsuchiyama; Taiwan-Lo Chien Chang and Tsai Hui Chun

Heavenly USA



From left: New York, Jorg and Ayako Heller; Maryland; David and Kaeleigh Moffitt; Michigan; Dieter and Rojane Jesper; Tennessee; Yuji and Priscilla Agari; Washington; Larry and Akemi Krishnek; Canada; Stoyan and Lilly Tadin

Heavenly Africa



From left: Burkina Faso, Joseph Molobamba Libo and Aguita Nazouma Ouedraogo; Nigeria, George Charles Ikpot and Carmella Ikpot; DR Congo, Mukangu Faustin Nguvulu and Masaki Annie Mponda; Zambia, Fabrice Djimadoun and Gift Mubuso; Rwanda, George Mpamyabigwi and Buhoro Ntinabyura

Heavenly Europe



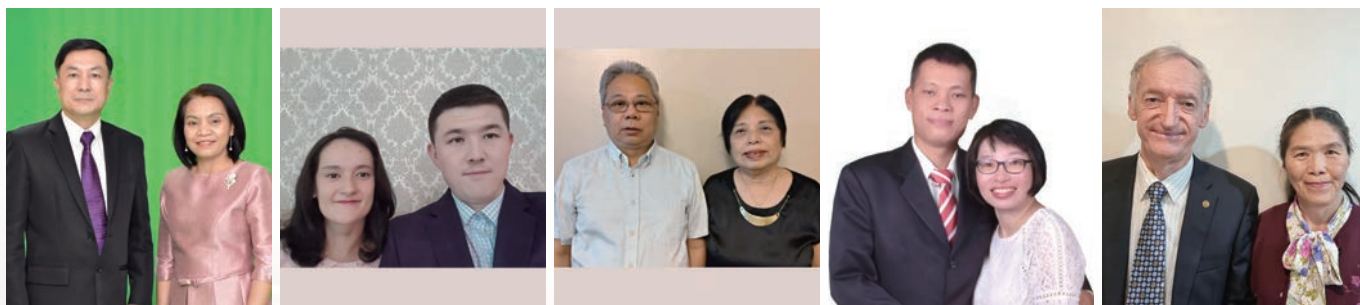
From left: Germany, Albert and Gudrun Mobo; Moldova, Andrei and Diana Esanu; Lebanon, Jong-in and Yola Pak; United Kingdom, Ashley and Susan Crosthwaite; Portugal, Joao and Kiyoko Oliveira; Netherlands, Frans and Elisabeth Baatenburg de Jong

Heavenly Latin America



From left: Brazil, Cesar Zaduski and Celia Regina Zaduski; Argentina, Castellón Héctor Horacio and Duré Galeano Margarita; Bolivia, Jhonny Arturo Corani Ortega and Hilda Montaña Velasquez; Mexico, Victor Castillo and Sayuki Matsuo; Dominican Republic, Colon Valenzuela Jiménez and Aurenice Pereira

Heavenly Asia Pacific



From left: Thailand, Boontawee and Watcharin Kaewlamsak; Kazakhstan, Samat Zinullin and Yekaterina Zinullina; Hong Kong, Michael Wai and Chang Hsiang Lan; Malaysia, You Boon Chuan and Ng Hwee Bee, New Zealand, Geoffrey and Miyuki Fyers

HJ Pastor Award

Heavenly Korea



From left: Subregion 1, Jong-chul Kim and Jeong-soon Jeong; SR 2, Seung-bae Ma and Tae-ok Im; SR3 Sang-heon Lee and Reiko Kashiara; SR4 Doo-kyun Moon and Mal-rye Park; SR5 Chang-hwan Kim and Yoko Fujinema; Heavenly Korea Special Subregion Ji-yeol Han and Jung-hee Ahn

Heavenly Japan



From left: Subregion 1, Nobuyuki and Satoe Nakamura; Subregion 2, Hiroyuki and Yayoi Suzuki; Subregion 3, Shinichi and Satomi Tosa; Subregion 4, Yong-ho Han and Kazumi Kamamoto, Subregion 5: Young-woon Sue and Yuri Kunug; Taiwan, Chen Ming Hsin and Huang Chiu Ping

Heavenly USA



From left: New York, Esteban and Lorna Galvan; Georgia, Levy and Clair Daugherty; Kansas, Peeter and Miek Saarna, Las Vegas, Nevada, Andrew and Lydia Compton; California, Walter and Suyapa Frank; Canada, Franco and Chizuru Famularo

Heavenly Africa



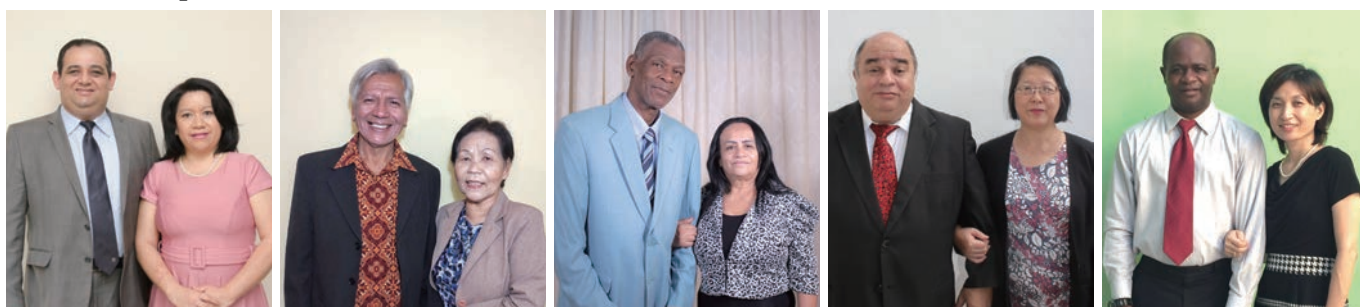
From left: Cote d'Ivoire, Yao Roger Kouakou and Jokebed Drame; Benin, Pascal Anice Degbey and Maria Oliva Caspe Tolentino; DR Congo, Jean Tchibanda and Brigitte Albertine Bouanga; Mozambique, Paluku Mulekya and Biatriz dos Santos; Sudan, Abdelmoumin Ahmed and Yukiko Fuse

Heavenly Europe



From left: Austria; Johann and Hillevi Brunnbauer, Albania; Gabor and Manjola Vasmatics, Iran; Myung-ho Moon and Hyeran Lee, Sweden; Katsuyuki and Ing-Marie Kikuchi, Italy; Angelo and Flora Chirulli, France; Axel and Hitomi Huard

Heavenly Latin America



left ; Brazil; Oldair Lima de Almeida and Yolanda Miguel de Lima, Argentina; Sayavedra Yndabor Del Valle and Ichimoto Kumiko, Guyana; Ronald McGarrell and Josefa McGarrell, Nicaragua; Jorge Luiz de Oliveira and Chew Pheng Ngl, Haiti; Theodule and Fujiko Paul

Heavenly Asia Pacific



left ; India; Krishna Adhikari and Chatra Maya Subba, Kyrgyzstan; Bakyt Toktorov and Yuri Nakatani, China; Chuang Cheng-Hsien and Wang Shu-Fen, Philippines; Jaime and Shirley Vergara, Australia; Gregory and Reiko Stone

True Parents' Gomyeong—Final Decree

By Franco Famularo

True Mother mentions in her memoir *Mother of Peace* that True Father proclaimed his *gomyeong* in Canada in the presence of woman leaders. She explains that *gomyeong* translates as the final decree that a king leaves for his subjects before passing away and then writes as follows: “True Father proclaimed that after his ascension, I would continue our God-given mission and the Japanese woman leaders should take responsibility to support me.”

Thirty years have passed since that important providential ceremony, which took place in Canada. Because I was a direct witness along with a small group of Canadian members, I am writing not only to commemorate this anniversary but also to testify to True Parents for the historical record. The following is based on my diary, letters and reports received at that time.

True Parents had been visiting Canada from June 5 to 9 in 1991, traveling by car from New York. On June 8, while fishing on Lake Ontario, True Father used an early version of a cell phone—a large “field” telephone similar to those used by armies for communication in the field. He called Japan and asked that the wives of the four main Japanese elders come to New York for the Day of All Things, a few days from then. The following day True Parents traveled back to New York.

On June 12, Robert Duffy, then president of the Canadian Church, and I attended the Day of All Things celebration at the invitation of True Parents at the New Yorker Hotel. As True Parents were walking toward the Grand Ballroom on the second-floor mezzanine, True Mother glanced in our direction and smiled. We immediately looked at each other and nodded while simultaneously expressing aloud, “They are coming back to Canada.”

At about 6 pm the following day as we had nearly completed our drive back to Toronto, Mr. Peter Kim, True Parents' personal assistant, called with an urgent



At the Canadian Parliament and a holy ground Father had established near there, (from left) Driver Ki-byung Yoon, Mrs. McDevitt, Mrs. Kuboki, True Mother, Mrs. Oyamada, Mrs. Sakurai and Mrs. Furuta; Franco Famularo (tour guide) is at back.



As True Mother looks on, True Father speaks to Canadian member in Clearstone Lodge, a Canadian church property near Cobourg, Ontario, on Rice Lake, during the time True Parents spent in Canada and Father declared his Gomyeong.

message—True Parents were departing East Garden at 8:00 pm by car bound for Canada. Our intuition had been accurate, and a mad rush ensued to prepare for their return. In an era prior to widespread use of the cell phone it was quite a challenge, but our Canadian brothers and sisters responded with dedication.

At 3:15 a.m. on June 14, True Parents arrived at Clearstone Lodge, the Canadian church property near Cobourg, Ontario, on Rice Lake, having driven through the late hours of the night. On this second visit, they were accompanied by the wives of the major leaders of the Japanese Unification Church: Mrs. Tetsuko Kuboki, wife of the president of the church in Japan; Mrs. Noriko Oyamada, wife of the vice-president and president of the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia; Mrs. Kyoko Furuta, wife of the president of Happy World Japan; and Mr. Setsuo and Mrs. Setsuko Sakurai, prominent Unificationist leaders in Japan.

After a short rest, True Parents gathered the Japanese elders just before 7:00 am in the living room of Clearstone Lodge and quietly and discreetly held a special ceremony. No video or audio recording exists as nobody was notified. A few Canadian members watched through the narrow glass panels on either side of the closed door and made notes of the verbal reports given later that day to my wife and other Japanese members by the Japanese elder wives, as the entire ceremony was conducted in Japanese. These first-hand accounts served as the basis for later historical reports.

During the ceremony, True Father prayed and asked True Mother to pledge that she would continue his messianic mission after he died. True Father then asked True Mother to pledge, in Japanese, that she would do so before the Japanese representatives as witnesses. After True Mother had done so, True Father explained the significance of holding the ceremony in Canada as follows: I [True Father] represent the true Adamic figure. True

Mother represents the true Eve, and the four Japanese women are the key representatives of the worldwide Eve nation, Japan. Since Canada is an extension of England, the original Eve nation, this ceremony is being held here.

Many years later, in April 2017, three of the Japanese elders were interviewed by the Japanese Unification History Department and elaborated about the ceremony as follows: True Father and True Mother stood facing each other while the four Japanese women lined up behind True Father. Mr. Sakurai stood at the two o'clock position to the right of True Mother. True Father first offered a prayer in which he comforted God for the two-thousand-year history of Christianity that could not receive the True Parents and pledged to establish a new foundation as the Bride of Christ for the sake of the new providence. True Father explained that Mr. Sakurai represented Christianity. True Father then led a pledge in Japanese followed by True Mother as the Original Eve and the four Japanese wives as Cain-type Eves.

True Father then encouraged True Mother and the four Japanese women to establish deep unity because this ceremony represented the beginning of a new era in True Mother's public mission. Shortly thereafter, on September 17, 1991, True Mother began the first of her public speaking tours in Japan.

Establishing unity

In a personal letter, dated November 1991, written in Japanese to my wife Chizuru and me, Mrs. Kuboki explained how she and the elder sisters understood the heavenly mission of Canada after their sudden, unexpected visit. Indeed, it was sudden as the elders only had time to take their purses and passports with them before traveling by car to Canada with True Parents. Shortly after the Gomyeong Ceremony and breakfast, True Father went fishing for salmon and trout on Lake Ontario until sunset with a small group that included Robert Duffy, Michael



True Father with Canadian members fishing on Rice Lake

McDevitt, Mr. Sakurai, Peter Kim, Mike Templeman and myself. True Father provided deep guidance in English to us about many aspects of the providence—a rare experience to say the least.

True Mother's public mission

On the following days, June 16 and 17, True Father continued fishing while True Mother and her party visited the Thousand Islands region on Lake Ontario and then Toronto. In the evening, True Parents gathered us to share testimonies and then had us all sing, with the finale sung by True Father himself.

Mrs. Kuboki also elaborated in the above-mentioned letter how the four Japanese women were to support True Mother as True Father's successor and how, shortly after the Canadian ceremony, the four Japanese elders participated in a special ceremony in Korea on July 1, 1991. She explained that they had no idea why they were called to Korea and wrote, "When True Parents start a new phase of God's providence, they don't say anything and make the conditions quietly and quickly."

One evening, Mrs. Oyamada shared her testimony of how a few years earlier the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia had been founded in Japan with herself as president. True Father set a goal that the Asian Federation gain a hundred thousand members. Therefore, in the summer of 1991, the Japanese woman leaders planned a large rally to expand membership, reserving the NK Hall in Chiba with a capacity of seven thousand people for September 17, 1991. Although they invited several important entertainers, they had not been able to find a principal speaker.

Mrs. Kuboki wrote in her letter that Mrs. Oyamada received an inspiration, based on True Father's words, that True Mother should be the main speaker. When the Japanese elders cautiously asked True Father, he immediately agreed saying, "That is a good idea. True Mother should go to Japan." He asked True Mother to do so, and



While visiting the Canadian Parliament in 1991, Mrs. Oyamada exclaimed, "True Mother should speak here!" She did so two years later..

although True Mother was surprised and initially hesitant, she determined quietly to do it based on True Father's strong desire.

Mrs. Kuboki wrote that she felt that God had been preparing the women's era from the time they had been in Canada a few months earlier. She elaborated in her letter that until then (1991), True Mother had been standing behind True Father and had never appeared in the forefront. Suddenly, True Mother stood at a public event before a large audience of important women in Japan, and although she was nervous, she brought tremendous success. True Mother embraced the audience and amazingly delivered her public speech to a fully packed hall in the Japanese language. "True Mother brought success and revived Japan."

True Father was pleased with True Mother's victory in Japan and directed the expansion of the Asian Women's Federation, so on October 31, 1991, an inaugural gathering was held in Korea, followed by a rally for fifteen thousand people on November 20. Then, on November 30, our True Parents visited North Korea. The foundation was set for the inauguration of the Women's Federation for World Peace on April 10, 1992. Mrs. Kuboki concluded her November 1991 letter with the following: "Truly I think that since we returned from Canada God's providence centered on True Mother started so fast. I feel that as the Eve nation, this is the final mission that I would like to fulfill."

In a second letter dated April 1992, Mrs. Kuboki shared about the victorious visit of True Parents to Japan between March 26 and April 1, 1992, and explained how True Parents' meetings with important leaders, such as former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and Mr. Shin Kanemaru, solidified the foundation in the Eve country. She expressed her concern that if Japan failed her mission to accept True Parents, True Parents had prepared Canada to carry on the mission. Later, in 1996, True Parents would



True Parents with Canadian members and the four prominent Japanese woman leaders who were to support True Mother and her mission.



True Mother speaking during the Founding Rally of the Women's Federation for World Peace in April 1992 in Korea

establish three nations, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Canada as daughter nations of Japan.

True Parents' personal care

Their final full day, Tuesday, June 18, 1991, proved to be an especially significant day for the Canadian Church. It was also the 23rd anniversary of the opening of the first center in Toronto, in 1968. As before, True Father went fishing early in the morning while on that day True Mother remained on the Clearstone property with the Japanese elders. At True Mother's request, dinner was served on the front lawn of the property for everyone. It was a warm summer evening, and as about forty members sat in a circle around a small fire, True Father asked that each husband share some words about his own wife. Once the husbands had done so, True Father himself commented about each couple, providing insights on their situation or character. It was surprising that, although True Father had spent little time with each person, he was very much aware of each person's strengths and weaknesses.

On a personal note, I'd like to testify to the tremendous concern our True Parents demonstrated for our couple's struggle with infertility for almost ten years by then. On the final evening, True Father initiated a total restructuring of the Canadian church and personally directed me to attend the Unification Theological Seminary (UTS). True Mother was concerned that our couple had no children and mentioned it to True Father, who then asked my wife to stay in Canada while I went to New York. As we returned to the main building, True Mother encouraged our couple to not lose hope and practically advised us both to try a combination of Oriental and Western medicine to solve our infertility. A few days prior to my departure for UTS, miraculously we discovered that we were expecting our daughter. Truly divine intervention!

The rather jovial exchange on the front lawn continued for some time, and then True Father began speaking about

the future development of the Canadian church. He said, Suppose I came here and stayed here every day. What do you expect I would do with all of you? If I stay here for one month, I will send all of you pioneering. What do you think, do you want to see your country, Canada, particularly the Unification Church Movement, progress and develop or not? If you just stay still and follow the pattern you have been keeping, how can you expect that there will be development?

Before departing Canada, True Father provided more guidance about restructuring the church. Then in the late morning after breakfast on June 19, 1991, True Parents and their party began the eight-hour drive back to New York, stopping at the observation tower at Thousand Islands with their staff, the Japanese elders and three Canadian leaders. While observing the beautiful scenery, True Parents continued giving us advice and counsel. They once again demonstrated that they are truly our parents.

In conclusion and looking back on an event that happened thirty years ago, it is clear that True Parents were united then as they are united now. Those of us who were privileged to witness the Gomyeong Ceremony and attend True Parents during their time in Canada have engraved the memories in our hearts.

True Mother then embarked on the very public segment of her mission from 1991 onward, and we have been witnesses to a story that some may have not known. Those of us who were blessed by True Parents and could witness True Mother in Canada, continue to pray and support her as she forges ahead to realize the Heavenly ideal that God, our Heavenly Parent, desperately dreams of and True Parents have labored tirelessly to accomplish. Praise be to our True Parents forever! 

The writer is the national president of FFWPU Canada, chair of the UTS Board of Trustees and the Sunhak Institute of History's representative for Canada.

I Shall Give You Seventy Garments

The power of hyojeong to move Heaven's heart

This is an abridged version of a speech by the writer given to inspire and encourage his members.

By Demian Dunkley

I will briefly share with you a story True Mother told the top leaders on April 27, when she called us unexpectedly up to Cheon Jung Gung for tea. After the Korean War, in the early 1960s, everything they had was used for the mission. True Mother was then a beautiful young newlywed. Normally such a woman would have personal dreams and wishes, but she had no such things, because she was one hundred percent focused on God's will. As Hyo-jin nim grew up, he commented to True Mother on how beautiful she was, telling her that he was sorry she did not have beautiful clothes. At four years old, he promised her that when he

grew up, he would buy her beautiful things.

As he grew up, he went through many difficulties, but every Holy Wedding anniversary, he would give his mother a ring or a necklace. He kept the promise that he had made at age four. True Mother said that he practiced what he had said. But eventually, True Mother gave even most of those gifts away, because she is constantly giving away her things.

On April 27, Shin-chul nim, together with UPA students, united in heart and together bought True Mother a diamond ring. True Mother said, "After receiving a diamond ring from my grandchildren, I cried with joy. I



Hyo-jin Moon, True Parents' oldest son occupies a very special place in his mother's heart.



Shin-chul Moon, Hyo-jin nim's son, (with his wife Ji-woo Chang) inherited his father's heart toward True Mother.

was moved to tears because Heaven remembers me and is always by my side. These children whom I invested so much into connected to my heart. ... Honestly, when I look at the ring's design, it looks like a beautiful flower. It is their heart of love. Yesterday after receiving this token of love, I felt that I should not give this away, so I kept it. I put it on. I wanted to show it to you."

She was crying as she shared the story—tears of joy. I have never seen True Mother express such emotions. Then she said, "The grandchildren gave me something that even you hadn't thought of. They are precious. Do you understand? You need to repent."

Why did we need to repent? In one sense she was boasting about her grandchildren having given her a ring, but on the other hand she was sharing with us a simple example of what is in the midst of her deep heart. Not only was what her grandchildren had done for her precious, but it also reminded her of Hyo-jin nim. Can you imagine what part of her heart that would touch? It touched her so deeply, that she called all the leaders for an unscheduled meeting. And her final sentence to us was "You need to repent." We had not been able to find that part of True Mother's heart.

Discovering my mission area

When True Mother appointed my family to work in Asia, I had absolutely no idea why, or what I would do there. All I could do was pray and open my ears and eyes. I prayed, God, what is it you would have me do? What do our True Parents need from me there? After twenty-one days I experienced a shift.

I received a memo from our international headquarters asking me to report how many of True Mother's autobiographies we had distributed in my new region. Because of the language barriers, we had not been able to distribute many. We have at least eighteen languages in Asia Pacific One, but we did not have a serious plan in place to trans-

late her memoir. I believe one or two countries had started some work, but it was not a high priority. When I considered what Mother was asking, and what we were doing, I saw the gap.

During our first meetings to discuss translating the book, it emerged that without money and professional support it seemed too difficult. We had no money. Our region had become accustomed to being dependent on support. That is normal at the pioneering stage. Breaking free of that dependency is difficult; you can become stuck indefinitely in that state if you are not careful.

I was at home in the US State of New Jersey, crying when I considered how difficult it was for our members in parts of Asia. I had been serving as the president of the church in the US, and although America has donated some money overseas, I felt ashamed to learn that hundreds of members from Nepal had had to return to their homes when we lost the centers and many of them were out of reach without the Internet. After a year of COVID-19 I was wondering how they were able to eat.

Setting priorities

I prayed to God about what to do. I felt Heaven's voice telling me that the most important thing to do now for Asia is to connect each member to True Mother's love. Through that, Heaven guided me to do two practical things. To read True Mother's autobiography together, page by page so as to reflect much more deeply on True Mother's life and connect to her heart personally. Also, because we have been preparing this as a weekly regional message and needed to translate each message into several languages, through that we would be able to build up a volunteer translation team and gain momentum to eventually translate the whole book. We have been doing this since the beginning of November 2020.

Finally, in December, I set the goal to complete the translation in five languages by True Parent's birthday, though we had no budget to support it. This forced a whole new way of thinking; volunteers popped up and labored incredibly hard. We made not only five, but we completed translations into seven languages. I was then in Korea ready to give them to True Mother personally.

Our HJ Love Offering

The second thing that Heaven guided me to do was regarding our attitude about finances. When my wife Yumiko and I prayed about this, I was guided to do the unexpected—to ask every man, woman and child connected to the movement to donate something, especially those who had nothing and depended on support. This was not simple. I had no relationships with the leaders, and I could not just blurt it out. I had to learn more about each nation and work with the leaders. We also needed to lay a foundation of heart through reading True Mother's memoirs and offering conditions.

Eventually by December, I started to share more frankly what we needed to do. And, because of the fact that our precious leaders in Asia Pacific One completely united, miracles occurred. Our region's members are aware that from January 1 to 21, we were able to raise a substantial donation, as an HJ Love Offering for the sake of projects in heavenly unified Korea from Heavenly



Members of the Asia Pacific One Region were able to translate True Mother's memoirs into seven languages.



(Kathmandu, Nepal) As the president of the Asia Pacific One Region, the writer was deeply affected by the suffering Nepalese members went through when they lost their church centers and were isolated in their hometowns.

Parent's Holy Community in Asia Pacific One. That was the actual title of the offering.

No one asked for this. This was our HJ Offering seeking to find the place in our Mother's heart that was not easy to find. The money is only a means to convey the intentions of our hearts. Actually, the hyojeong heart of a child is priceless. And our members did it! It was incredible and an incredible miracle happened because of this.

Reporting to Mother in Korea

Because of the unity of the leaders and the sacrificial hearts of the precious members, we were able to give this gift from our hearts without expectation of anything in return.

On April 26, Mother called up the leaders for tea. Mother shared some words at the beginning, reminding us about how we as leaders need to change first. She reminded us that many leaders failed to understand who she was, but she expects us to be the new wine skins.

We were listening to long reports from each of the leaders, who had not been able to see Mother in fourteen months. Finally, it was time to close, but True Mother called Dr. Yun over to her table and it appeared that she motioned him to ask for me to report, so Dr. Yun allowed two more reports ending with mine.

I shared that the thing that I am proudest of about True Father is that he found the only begotten daughter, married her and loved her, because no other man throughout history was able to do so. I mentioned that the reason we struggle with one another as children is

because we've been in search of True Mother's love, which brings us together. It heals all matters and solves all issues. I mentioned I am so proud of our leaders and members who had volunteered to translate True Mother's memoirs in a short time into seven languages. I also asked, How can we possibly initiate any other providence without first deepening our relationship with True Mother more and more? How can we advance the providence until we have at least read her life story?

I was concerned about time, and I knew Mother would be tired. I didn't say anything about the HJ Love Offering because that had already been reported by letter in January and that offering was completed. We were happy. We gave not for the purpose of receiving but we gave for the purpose of making True Mother happy and moving Heaven's heart. I only reported about the book translation because that was fresh news.

True Mother replies

Despite it being late, True Mother did not let the meeting end there. As Dr. Yun came back up to the podium to close the meeting, True Mother said, "I want to speak to Demian directly." What follows is from my notes of the translation.

"From Asia you've been sending various reports, and I've read all the reports you sent. Until now Japan has helped Asia a lot financially, Japan, which has to fulfill its own providence. But even in the midst of this difficulty you invested everything you had and you helped Japan as well. Japan was able to fulfill its providential mission.



Rev. Dunkley, during a Peace Starts with Me event, the signature means of outreach pioneered by US-FFWPU, of which he was once president.

“Some leaders ask me for funds for activities, and Mother has helped. However, lastly... To you Demian, I’ll give a special gift. As you tour Asia, to all of the Asian members... Many members are in financial difficulties. Mother knows that many Asian members are struggling, but among these members many are investing themselves completely. There are many. I’ve heard of the tears of the members. Some members donated seventeen dollars, others seven dollars, and you collected all of that, and for the first time in the Asian region, you are the first regional president to offer such a donation to True Parents from the Asian region.

“This is something that never happened before; I was moved by that fact. I saw the dedication of the members. With regards to the reunification on the Korean Peninsula, all of Asia, the entire Asian continent must support the heavenly unified Korea providence. It is the era of the Pacific Rim civilization; it is the Pacific Rim civilization that will embrace the world.

“Therefore, the realm of Asia must be at the center, and Asia must come into Cheon Il Guk. To do so, I to you will give seventy special garments that True Parents have worn—seventy garments that True Parents wore from winter to spring. Give these garments that True Parents wore to the members who have invested for the providence, those who are in need. Tell them to work for the restoration of the nation. The goal is national restoration. For any nation with the potential for national restoration, they should offer jeongseong and prayers.

“Looking at the report from Japan’s subregion 4, through the grace of True Parents, someone who was

about to die survived. Reviving Asia comes by supporting the providence of a heavenly unified Korea. So when you go, Mother will give you seventy sets of clothes; please give them to the members.”

Universal encouragement

Asia received an amazing blessing. Somehow, we found a way to offer hyojeong and move True Mother’s heart, which has clearly moved the heart of Heaven. This is not just for seventy people in our region. It is an incredible blessing for all our nations! No matter who receives these gifts, we all receive these gifts. This is an unprecedented blessing because our members moved Heaven’s heart! In fact, I believe it is a blessing for all members around the world.

I believe that True Mother loves us all and especially she has been longing to bless members in this way, but was waiting for the right conditions. When the baby is hungry, the Mother’s breast automatically fills with milk. Her body knows this without exception. But if the baby’s mouth cannot find the breast, there is no milk given, and the mother feels pain, bursting with desire to feed her child.

Mother is setting us straight on our course. She is guiding us to be aware of the centrality of the role of Asia in support of a heavenly unified Korea at this time. She is giving us these precious gifts because she wants to stimulate us to fulfill national restoration, and she is not trying to just stimulate seventy of us, but all of us. 

Rev. Dunkley is the president of the Asia Pacific One Region.

