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# A Transformational Global Event

By Bakary Camara



I congratulate True Mother for the great victory won through the Rally of Hope for the Firm Establishment of the Heavenly Unified World! She deserves all the glory and honor for the excellent job done in guiding the FFWPU International Headquarters on this new platform. True Mother reached hundreds of millions of people the world over through this one event. The opportunity to attend True Mother, Heavenly Parent's only begotten daughter, is humbling to me. What a great honor!

The series of webinars UPF organized prepared the way for the Rally of Hope, as many of the viewer-participants were already familiar with the caliber of our speakers. Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, chairman of the International Summit Council for Peace-Africa, worked hard mobilizing heads of state such as President Kenyatta of Kenya, who attended our webinar last July, bringing a new dimension to UPF-Africa's outreach. I thank the special emissary and chair of UPF-Africa, Rev. Katherine Rigney and her team, which did a wonderful job organizing webinars in preparation for this Rally of Hope. The support of the three spiritual leaders, active since True Mother called them following the July 2017 Madison Square Garden Rally, namely, Prophet Samuel Radebe, Archbishop Johannes Ndanga and Sheikh Mansour Diouf, who have been playing vital roles in the Heavenly Africa providence since then, also boosted attendance. Leaders and other members in Heavenly Africa, especially the youth missionaries, through jeongseong and active mobilization, reached out to their friends and relatives to encourage them to attend. I appreciate their effort. They, each in his or her own way, contributed to the success of the Rally of Hope. I am deeply grateful.

In preparing for this event, we overcame challenges, such as with Internet connections for the interactive participants. The time of the event was also quite daunting, as 10:00 AM Korean Standard Time is between 1:00 and 4:00 AM in Africa depending on where you reside. How were we to convince eminent leaders and guests to stay up so late or wake up so early? Yet, to our great surprise, thousands were up to watch.

I recall the case of Prophet Samuel Radebe. We worried over whether he would accept attending the event live at such an odd hour. Yet, he was so determined to be with True Mother live that he arranged to return from a trip an hour before the event began for him at 2:30 AM in order to partake in the rally with True Mother! From that, I clearly recognized his deep love and respect for True Mother. We cannot always gauge the effect True Mother is having in the lives of personalities. Our heavenly True Mother is positively influencing peoples' lives all around the world. All those who encounter True Mother never forget her motherly love and heavenly embrace.

Furthermore, the Covid-19 lockdown has also altered peoples' lives in ways that many consider positive. People are realizing the vanity, futility and precariousness of a selfish and godless life. They are looking for new and fresh ideas—solutions to life's problems. According to True Mother, "If Heavenly Parent is at the center of a community of people united under the values of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values, all problems can be solved." This is quite innovative and appealing. Why? Because it is timely. As True Mother said, "In today's world we can see that nationalism and selfishness are rampant. These are characteristics that are far from heaven's wish."

The jeongseong condition made by our blessed families surely had a significant effect in enticing people to want to find out more about the rally, as did the promotional videos. Many people expressed how deeply True Mother's speech had touched them. She is confidently and with great authority presenting clear and lasting solutions to humanity's problems.

We pray for Korean unification, as this is a precondition for the Heavenly Unified World to come. That is why True Mother says, "It is only when we attend Heavenly Parent that the issue of North-South reunification, a true unified Korea, can be realized.... Heaven, through True Parents, is working to see the realization of the providence." Aju!

True Mother, thank you for the grace and blessings that you pour out to the world. Please remain confident of our full support, unconditional love and sincere attendance! 

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## Inauguration of the Abel Women's UN

*This keynote address was the last prepared public speech True Father gave before his ascension. He delivered it on June 16, 2012, at the Cheongshim World Peace Center.*



I would like to extend my warmest welcome to the woman leaders, peace leaders and members of the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) from one hundred and ninety-four nations, who have come to the Cheongshim World Peace Center in Korea to take part in the historic Abel Women's UN Inaugural Assembly.

From our early days, my wife and I have upheld Heaven's will and proclaimed the vision of the peaceful world originally envisaged at the time of the Creation. We have come here today, having returned from America after completing our busy providential schedule there, in order to establish the Abel Women's UN. Realizing the providential goal of creating, on earth, a world of lasting peace, without conflict or war is its mission.

As my wife and I have already proclaimed, Korea is God's homeland. Therefore, this inaugural assembly for the Abel Women's UN, which will play the providential role of leading the establishment of a new world of peace, had to take place here in Korea in accordance with God's will.

Beloved woman leaders from around the world, as you are well aware, representatives of all the world's peoples, who had been suffering from the aftermath of the Second World War, founded the United Nations according to God's will and with a yearning for peace. In June 1945, representatives from fifty nations met in San Francisco in the United States of America to sign the United Nations Charter. Today, with one hundred and ninety-three member nations, the United Nations has developed into a unique organization in the world with the purpose of maintaining global peace.

Respected peace-seeking leaders from around the world, what is today's reality? During the sixty years of the United Nations' existence, it has been unable to prevent wars from breaking out, including the Korean War. Even though the cold war has ended, the world is not free from wars, both large and small, that originate from conflicts between rich and poor, between races and between people of different faiths. Hasn't the UN experienced repeated breakdowns of its efforts to fulfill its original purpose and mission—to maintain

global peace? At the time of its inauguration, the UN was shaped by a compromise between the United States and the former Soviet Union produced under the confrontational structure of the Cold War. From the outset, it had limited ability to transcend individual nations' interests and to bring about lasting world peace. For this reason I have proclaimed that in terms of God's will, the UN has been unable to emerge from the position of Cain. Therefore we emphasize that the renewal of the UN is absolutely critical to building a world of lasting peace as originally envisaged at the time of the Creation.

To realize this renewal in a concrete form, I maintain that an Abel-type interreligious and international peace council needs to emerge within the United Nations. I propose a reorganization of the UN into a bicameral system within the present UN General Assembly. The arena of individual nations with their competing interests can serve as the lower house, and the interreligious and international peace council consisting of global religious leaders can serve as the upper house. I already have presented this proposal of renewal to the UN, and the Philippines, as a co-sponsoring nation, has done so as well.

### **The women's peace movement**

Respected peace leaders, the UN has run into a brick wall. It is unable to move beyond balancing the various interests of individual nations. Isn't that the case? In history up to now, we have depended on governmental organizations mostly managed by men to bring about global peace. Now, however, to surmount the limitations they have demonstrated, I believe that a women's peace movement based on nongovernmental organizations needs to take root as a new system to resolve problems that arise in the field. One individual or one NGO alone cannot carry out this women's peace movement; rather, it is only possible through a global organization exercising global solidarity. For this reason today's inauguration of the Abel Women's UN is absolutely necessary.

The foundation of the declaration of the coming of the global era of women has made possible today's

historic, inaugural assembly of the Abel Women's UN. Twenty years ago, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon and I declared this era, when we founded the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) in April 1992 as a central organization of the women's peace movement, in accordance with Heaven's decree. That event took place at the Seoul Olympic Stadium in Jamshil, and woman representatives from more than seventy nations and one hundred and fifty thousand Korean woman leaders attended. Since then, WFWP, which this year celebrates its twentieth anniversary, has established local chapters and has been active in more than one hundred sixty nations. It has continuously participated in the global peace movement by creating networks that carry out peace efforts.

Furthermore, the Women's Federation for World Peace does not intend to be an ordinary women's organization. It does not aim to be an external, political and aggressive women's rights movement mainly targeting men and which advocates the expansion of women's rights, gender equality and reform of the workplace. Rather, it is a global peace movement on a whole new level with the providential significance of realizing the ideal world as God envisaged it at the Creation.

In the context of such providential significance, during the past twenty years, WFWP has carried out service projects and educational programs based on true motherly love. It has been active in all parts of the globe, establishing families that embody true love and elevating the status of mothers, wives, sisters and daughters. It has achieved amazing growth and development throughout the world.

From the moment of its inauguration, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon and I have worked together as co-founders to prepare the ground for WFWP's global organization and the foundation for WFWP activities. WFWP members, including the sixteen hundred Japanese members who went to one hundred sixty nations as volunteer workers in its early days, have carried forth a peace movement around the world.

At WFWP's inaugural assembly, my wife said in her inaugural message that under True Mother as



the victorious representative of the world's women, other women can now establish the model of a true mother and true wife and form ideal families through a true love movement. Furthermore, women can carry out a campaign to exemplify the practice of true love by living for the sake of others in all walks of life, including politics, economics, culture and social work.

Accordingly, we have carried out a variety of volunteer projects and educational programs, as well as campaigns to bring about the resolution and reconciliation of international conflicts, transcending the barriers of race, religion, language and nationality.

### Key efforts in the Middle East

In addition, after the special address my wife gave at the UN headquarters in New York in September 1993, and based on three years of hard work, the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) approved the Women's Federation for World Peace as an NGO in general consultative status, which is the highest status given to an NGO. Since then, every four years after our approval, our status has been re-approved. This ECOSOC re-evaluation entails a strict assessment of activities and achievements. It is safe to say that ECOSOC recognizes our true value, because among the more than three thousand nine hundred NGOs affiliated with the United Nations, only one hundred and forty have this highest status.

Our WFWP Women's Conference for Peace in the Middle East, which has been held every year since 1997, has attracted widespread interest and participation from woman leaders in Middle East nations. Over the years, it has expanded and it has recently given birth to more concrete activities in the field, about which I am glad to report. At the end of June this year, [2012] WFWP sponsored its sixteenth annual Middle East conference, held as a session of the Human Rights Council at the United Nations Office at Geneva. The subject was Children Affected by Conflict and Disaster: Prevention, Protection, Healing and Empowerment. Women leaders from eighteen nations in the Middle East, diplomatic officials, including ambassadors to the United Nations in



True Father and True Mother took turns sounding a gong to announce to heaven and earth the launch of the Abel Women's UN.

Geneva from around the world, and representatives from UN agencies and global NGOs attended the conference. About one hundred eighty participants came together, discussed this serious, contemporaneous problem, and resolved to apply the results of their discussions in the field.

Furthermore, each WFWP chapter is also providing relief aid to address problems caused by natural calamities and poverty in various parts of the global village. In particular, under the slogan, "Let us share a little of what we have," they are carrying out the 1% Love Share Project to help children and women in North Korea. I am happy to tell you that they have achieved wonderful results.

### Arduous work, consistent effort

As can be seen, from WFWP's founding to its reaching the highest consultative status as an NGO at the United Nations, our members have never lost their founding spirit and have quietly pioneered the path of a woman's peace movement with unwavering hearts. Therefore, I would like to offer a big round of applause to express my utmost gratitude to them and also to the woman leaders who have never held back in their encouragement and participation.

However, the work for world peace WFWP has carried out until now need not remain at its current stage. It has the potential to expand and develop to the next stage, so that it can work together in solidarity and cooperation with woman leaders and NGOs from all parts of the world, and strive to follow the path of the ultimate establishment of the world of peace.

In order to do that, WFWP has to go beyond the level of a women's NGO, bring together governments, organizations and individuals from across the world and march forward. The establishment of a great organization under the name the Abel Women's UN is absolutely necessary to bring this about. It is, in fact, an absolute decree of God's providence.

As we usher in such a cosmically historic and revolutionary era of changes, my wife and I solemnly declare the inauguration of the Abel Women's UN. We urge all women in the world, who make up half of its population, to recognize their historic mission as stated above and to expand their work to all parts of the globe.

Beloved woman leaders who seek peace, what path does humankind need to take today? In the end, the problems afflicting humanity can



only be resolved through the world-view of one family under God, which is the system of thought based on true love that my wife and I, the True Parents, have learned from Heaven and have championed and taught throughout our lives. These ideals alone represent the path that will lead humanity to a world of everlasting peace and happiness.

#### Realizing Heaven's vision

We are living in a historic time of a great cosmic revolution to change history, to unite the spiritual and physical worlds and to create the ideal kingdom of heaven that God has longed for since the beginning of time. We can no longer postpone or delay it. Heaven has already proclaimed that the thirteenth day of the first month in 2013 by the lunar calendar will be its Foundation Day.

Therefore, it is a time for all people to be humbly obedient to Heaven's decree. I hope you will bear in mind that a fateful time is approaching, and that we need to devote ourselves completely with a life or death commitment for the remaining time under the guidance of True Parents, who are carrying out the providence on earth as the substantial selves of God, the King of peace.

Beloved woman leaders, the course

for humanity is set. Now that we have Foundation Day, the "D-Day" that Heaven has given us through True Parents, what reason is there to hesitate? We now have less than a year. Heaven will bless your endeavors to establish a world of peace based on the Abel Women's UN.

However, I would like to emphasize again that the priority of the Abel Women's UN needs to be creating a true family movement that emphasizes living for the sake of others based on true love and carried out in conjunction with education in proper values. War and conflict arise from selfish motives, desiring to take others' land, others' possessions and the like by force. On the other hand, peace arises from investing oneself for the sake of others, that is, giving based on true love.

Those leaders who turn their faces away from the new realities of the world, or who refuse to see them, will be cast aside by the changes coming upon us like a tsunami. I believe the time has now come for us to step forward boldly and seize new opportunities and values.

Beloved woman leaders, you are not here merely to help or to be protected by men; rather, women are interdependent individuals who, as representatives of the feminine aspect

of God's nature, are meant to make men more complete and manly. Centering on true love, women are men's precious love partners. Men and women are absolutely equal in terms of value.


#### Follow the right path

Men and women who unite through the true love inherent in the original ideal share the same position. Also, they attain the right to accompany each other wherever they may be. Furthermore, they attain the ideal right of inheritance, where all their property belongs to each equally. Thus, when the original love unites men and women in God's ideal of true love, they become completely equal beings, focused on true love, by sharing the same rank and the right of participation and their possessions with one another.

Therefore, men and women do not need to confront or contend with each other, because they do not need to imitate the characteristics, dispositions or roles of the other or to covet those things and take them by force. Instead, by giving what they have to the other with true love, and completing the other, they can unite in a greater whole and share in a relationship of joint ownership.

In the twenty-first century, women need to play a major role in world history by serving, together with men, as the wheels of the vehicle advancing the construction of a peaceful world. Transitioning beyond a century of power and technology, women will be the central axis in building a new century characterized by its loving, peaceful culture, and their role will be more important than ever before.

I sincerely ask you to choose the path of a true mother, the path of a true wife, of a true daughter and of a true woman leader who will build a united world where freedom, peace and happiness overflow in its truest form.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for having listened closely right to the end of my speech. I pray that God's blessing will be with you, your families and your work. Thank you. 

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# United on the Path to Attend Heavenly Parent

*This was True Mother's Special Message at the One Million Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World on August 9 at the Cheongshim Peace World Center.*





**M**y proud Cheon Il Guk blessed family members around the world in our beloved Heavenly Parent's Holy Community! I have waited a long time for this. I am pleased to see you.

Respected heads of state, former presidents and prime ministers, religious leaders and world leaders! I know that especially at this time you are more concerned and working harder than anyone else for the health and safety of your citizens. That is why it is imperative that we set matters right. We desire one human family and one community centered on Heavenly Parent, unified in interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values.

However, until now, human history has been one of war. Even today, right at this moment, war is happening. Why is it so difficult to see a hopeful future? Originally, the Creator wanted to realize his dream on earth—to build a heaven on earth with his children. However, the unexpected human fall brought about a history scattered about with wars like that which we see today.

#### **An example from nature**

Yet, the unfallen natural world abides by the laws of creation. I would like to talk about the monarch butterfly as an example. As you all know, a butterfly has a short lifespan. The monarch butterfly body is no longer than three centimeters long. Those that live in Canada during the summer fly thousands of kilometers to Mexico to spend the winter there. This takes them more than two months. The monarch butterflies would have never migrated there before, but they follow the path their parents took and fly the distance. This is a law of nature. It applies to the animal kingdom as well. As long as human beings do not destroy them, the law of creation controls the number [of creatures] and protects each species.

#### **Koreans must show the way**

It is said that things went wrong because human beings committed the Fall. This means that fallen human beings do not have a relationship with their Creator. The Creator cannot

change his principles. Therefore, he has had to carry out the toilsome providence of restoration through indemnity.

How difficult it must have been that it took six thousand years for the True Parents, who would realize Heaven's ideal of creation, to be born on the Korean Peninsula! Doing so was a blessing from Heaven to this peninsula. A people or individual that Heaven has blessed must fulfill their responsibilities. Adam and Eve could have become the first human ancestors, but they could not fulfill their responsibilities and built a fallen world. The Korean people, the Korean Peninsula, gave birth to the True Parents for the first time in six thousand years. Hence, how should the Korean people fulfill their responsibilities? There is only one path. That path is to unite and attend Heavenly Parent. The Creator is our parent. Humankind has failed in its filial duty by not recognizing our Heavenly Parent. True Parents have emerged in front of such a people, and they began a Blessing Movement to re-engage humankind as Heavenly Parent's children through Marriage Blessing events.

A community of one human family unified through interdependence, mutual prosperity and universally shared values... If Heavenly Parent is at its center, all its problems will be solved. However, in the world today, many institutions and groups put the individual or their nation first. This approach is far from Heaven's way. We must search for our Parent. When we attend our Parent on earth, justly and truly, we will be able to enter the eternal world, heaven in heaven, when we finish our lives on earth.

Think about this: I said that families who do not receive the Blessing and are not newly engrafted cannot become Heavenly Parent's children. Yet families who have received the Blessing must fulfill their responsibilities. To live for the sake of others means that you cannot be the only ones who receive the Blessing. We need to guide our neighbors, tribe, people, nation and the world to receive the Blessing, through which we can all receive Heavenly Parent's love together. We are alive today for that purpose!


#### **Remain steadfast, unwavering**

Human beings' ignorance has created climate change not just in this country, but in all the countries around the world. We are destroying the beautiful planet that the Creator originally built. Thus, nations that are economically strong are trying to leave this planet to explore space. This cannot be a genuine solution. This is our beloved planet that our Lord, the Creator, has chosen for us. Those who wish to abandon it will have no future. Just because you are going to outer space, will that be eternal? Life has a limited time frame. To build my family in a way that it is prepared for the eternal world is a more urgent matter.

There have been so many casualties to COVID-19. We have stopped communicating with one another. On top of that, there are more casualties and victims of natural disasters and flash flooding. What do you think about this? We said that Heaven, our God and Creator, is love. We said that he is our parent. How would parents feel watching their children die?

From this moment on, the time has come for the Korean people and this nation's political and religious leaders to repent and pray for Heaven's compassion. The Korean people's mission is to lead their brothers and sisters from around the world to Heavenly Parent's bosom through True Parents.

Put an end to all thinking in an uncommitted manner of neither going one way nor another. Please understand that this is Heaven's last warning and your last opportunity. Attending Heavenly Parent is the only path to Korean reunification. There are many powerful nations surrounding Korea. They are not at the center.

Heaven wants to see the completion of the providence through True Parents. As a filial and chosen people, who are loyal and filial to Heaven, I earnestly hope and give my blessings that during this time today you can teach all the nations of the world and their citizens how to attend Heavenly Parent. Thank you. 

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# RALLY OF HOPE FOR THE REALIZATION OF A HEAVENLY UNIFIED WORLD







- ① True Mother speaking to an audience of mostly Korean residents, from various nations, seated in the Peace World Center, a Zoom audience of prominent members in other countries, members worldwide who watched the PeaceTV broadcast and millions of people who watched the event via their government-owned national television channels.
- ② Speakers from top left: Dr. Yun of the FFWPU International Headquarters was the MC; Rev. Paula White, president of Paula White Ministries; Ban Ki-moon, UN-Secretary-General 2007–2016; Newt Gingrich, speaker of the US House of Representatives 1995–1999; Chuichi Date, president of Japan's House of Councillors 2016–2019; Hun Sen prime minister of Cambodia since 1998; Albert Moisiu, president of Albania 2002–2007; Jimmy Morales, president of Guatemala 2016–2020; Brigi Rafini, prime minister of Niger since 2011 and Stephen Harper, prime minister of Canada 2006–2015. Our coverage of the speakers will continue in the next issue of *True Peace*.
- ③ True Mother reaching out to millions in the midst of the global pandemic
- ④ Rev. Ki-seong Lee guiding religious leaders through a Water Ceremony, symbolic of religious unity
- ⑤ The Little Angels entertained the global audience.



# One-Million Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World

By Young-ho Yun

**B**eloved leaders of Cheon Il Guk and blessed families! Good morning, I am Young-ho Yun, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters. To begin, please join me in first giving True Mother, the Mother of Peace, a warm round of applause on the great victory of the Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly World (held as part of the second seven-year Canaan course for the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk) and for True Mother's proclamation of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.

This Rally of Hope was True Mother's great gift of love to humanity. heads of state and former ones testified that at a time when humanity feels lost and burdened by the weight of COVID-19, True Mother, the Mother of Peace, and the movement she is leading are offering a ray of hope for humanity in the current darkness.

True Mother also tearfully testified about Heavenly Parent, reminding us that when we attend the original parent, God, with profound hyojeong, we can realize a world of lasting peace, a heavenly, unified world of peace through interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values. I believe this Rally of Hope brought the greatest joy to Heavenly Parent.

Furthermore, I offer my heartfelt thanks to the regional group chairs, UPF chairs and special emissaries for their incredible efforts in the outreach to highly distinguished people, the mobilization of participants and promotion of the rally. Moreover, I wish to offer special thanks to the field leaders and members for your prayers, participation and good wishes.

## **Beloved leaders of Cheon Il Guk and blessed families!**

As we all know, following True Father's ascension, True Mother strongly resolved to work to "firmly establish

Cheon Il Guk" until she ascends. Ever since, she has moved inexorably. On January 13 of the first year of Cheon Il Guk, True Mother proclaimed Foundation Day and opened the era of Cheon Il Guk. She launched the first seven-year Canaan course for the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk and went on to lead the providence to restore seven nations and seven religious denominations and to lay the foundation for restoration at the continental level. On this unprecedented foundation of victories, True Mother led us through the events celebrating True Parents' centenary and their sixtieth Holy Wedding anniversary as well as the long-awaited firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk.

Despite such historic achievements, True Mother did not stop. Eager to usher in the day when Heavenly Parent can be attended at the global level, True Mother proclaimed the second seven-year Canaan course for the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk on February 9 during the victory celebration for the 2020 events and the launch of the 2027 providence.

True Mother's providential agenda is to restore the continental-level True Parents' Day, the continental-level True Children's Day, and the continental-level Day of All True Things in 2027 during the sixtieth anniversary of Heavenly Parent's Day to be celebrated in the Cheon Il Sanctum of Cheon Won Gung. On that foundation, True Mother seeks to realize the providence's completion through the firm establishment of a heavenly unified world and the launch of the heavenly cosmos. True Mother's singular determination to realize this providence means that even now she pushes herself beyond the limits of human endurance, risking her health and enduring through countless obstacles.

In the midst of this grand providential plan, the



Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World took place at the Cheongshim Peace World Center on August 9 with the enthusiastic participation of all regions. This rally took place exactly six months after the end of the 2020 events on February 9. The August 9 rally occurred under the umbrella of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community with FFWPU and UPF being the joint hosts. As the first online rally in the Unification Movement's history, the participation goal was a million people—not a million unidentifiable people watching the live broadcasts but a million people who shared contact information with us.

The global mobilization goal was 1.5 million people: 300,000 for Korea, 300,000 for Japan, 100,000 for North America, 300,000 for Africa, 100,000 for Europe, 100,000 for Latin America and 300,000 for Asia. Since the rally took place at 10 AM Korea time, mobilization was not based on regional membership but upon participation potential determined through discussion and consensus. Furthermore, the August rally was not a one-time event but the start of a series of rallies. Hence, we requested regions to collect basic information such as e-mail addresses for future communication. Once we tallied all the data from participants, the total number at midnight, Korean time, on August 8 was 1,552,588. Once the rally was over, the total number of registered participants was 2,553,256 people across 932,850 locations in Korea, Japan, North America, Africa, Europe, Latin America and Asia.

One reason for the overwhelming participation in the Rally of Hope was the active promotion that took place from July 31 to August 9 throughout the world. We aired four commercials about Heavenly Parent's Holy Community and the Rally of Hope and shared several posters and banner advertisements throughout the world in different languages. Nearly 340 million viewed our promotional material either directly or through secondary and tertiary sources. Records show three million direct views on YouTube and 5.5 million direct views on Facebook. Furthermore, more than 1.6 million people expressed an interest in attending the rally. Such unprecedented numbers really feel like miracles.

#### **Our global audience**

Besides direct participation, we utilized a robust broadcast operation we had begun developing seven years ago during the various national-level Blessing Ceremonies and summits. We contacted influential broadcasters and several agreed to broadcast the rally live. The International Media Association for Peace, *the Washington Times*, *the Segye Times* and *the Sekai Nippo* played key roles in promoting the event and the media directors in each region made superlative efforts in promoting and broadcasting the rally.

As a result of such spirited efforts, the broadcasts touched 191 million people across 150 nations over 188 stations. The full list of broadcasters includes national and civilian broadcasters in South Africa, Nigeria, Niger, Senegal and so on such as DSTv for Africa, national and civilian broadcasters in Cambodia, the Philippines, Thailand, India, Fiji and so on for Asia, national and civilian broadcasters and radio in Brazil, Paraguay,



Dr. Yun gave this in-depth summary of the Rally of Hope during the rally, onstage at the Cheongshim World Peace Center.

El Salvador, Honduras, Bolivia, Mexico, Costa Rica and so on for Latin America and civilian media in Albania, Kosovo, Croatia and the UK as well as a robust social media presence for Europe. The majority of the broadcasters carried the event live and re-broadcast during prime time. Besides broadcasts, over five thousand other media outlets covered the rally and the viewership count exceeded 230 million. Beloved leaders of Cheon Il Guk and blessed families! Even as I report these numbers, I feel as if in a dream. I passionately believe that Heaven prepared this miracle of love for True Mother.

#### **Coverage of this remarkable event**

The unprecedented coverage of the August 9 rally owes much to a meticulous media strategy and robust media network. However, the central cause behind the immense success of this rally is the host, True Mother and the eminent dignitaries who honored us by their participation and their keynote addresses.

I want to specially recognize Mrs. Paula White, spiritual advisor to President Trump for her message and prayer, the Honorable Ban Ki Moon, eighth UN Secretary-General for his welcoming remarks, the Honorable Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the US House of Representatives and Honorable Date Chuichi, former president of Japan's House of Councilors for their congratulatory remarks, His Excellency Samdech Hun Sen, prime minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, His Excellency Macky Sall, president of the Republic of Senegal, His Excellency Brigi Rafini, prime minister of the Republic of Niger, His Excellency Jimmy Morales, former president of the Republic of Guatemala, His Excellency Alfred Moisiu, former president of Albania and the



Right Honorable Stephen Harper, the twenty-second prime minister of Canada for their keynote addresses. The presence, uniformity of content and participation of such illustrious leaders in one of our rallies is unprecedented.

What was truly moving and remarkable was that all leaders recognized the role interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universal values in addressing the severe challenges of today's world and providing hope for humanity and future generations, as well as giving remarkable testimonies about True Mother. The majority of testimonies sent by members and blessed families touched on the pride they felt seeing the positive participation of famed leaders.

### **Beloved leaders and blessed families!**

The secret to the rally's success is True Mother. For the past seven years, True Mother's determination to firmly establish Cheon Il Guk has remained steadfast. Unable to take off her shoes to properly rest, True Mother has gone from North to South, East to West, traveling the world to embrace her beloved children with true love and jeongseong.

One the foundation of True Mother's incredible seven years of jeongseong, ten thousand representative leaders from 171 nations around the world, including 120 current and former Heads of State and Prime Ministers, speakers, parliamentarians, ministers, religious leaders, business leaders, media personalities, academicians and so on gathered for World Summit 2020. On the foundation of World Summit 2020's victory and centering on True Mother's victory, ISCP, IAPP, IAPD, IAED, IMAP and IAAP were launched in all seven regions of the world and through over 100 webinars, a strong online network and robust platform connected to True Mother could be established. All these initiatives became brushstrokes in the grand providential endeavor centered on True Mother that resulted in the current miraculous providential masterpiece we saw and experienced.

### **Beloved Cheon Il Guk leaders and blessed families!**

The planning of the August 9 rally began last February during the launch of the 2027 providence for the realization of a heavenly unified world. Many people think that we held this rally online due to the COVID-19 pandemic but the motivation behind holding the rally online lies elsewhere. Within a few years, a great transition of platforms will take place and anticipating this change, we made a strategic decision to be future-oriented.

Projects such as Space X's Starlink or Amazon's Project Kuiper aim to provide high-speed internet worldwide by 2025 by launching tens of thousands of satellites at relatively lower altitudes. Such projects are at the forefront of the digital platform revolution. The era of instant communication and exchange, which True Mother has repeatedly emphasized is upon us.

The recent fight for hegemony between the US and China is quickly expanding to the digital platform. If the fight for global hegemony in the past was based on oil and natural resources, the current fight has become a race for hegemony over platforms, especially digital

ones. The US is leading in cutting-edge initiatives to connect the world through projects such as those I've mentioned. China is investing heavily in its One Belt, One Road Initiative with a strong emphasis on digital infrastructure. In other words, supremacy in digital-based platforms is at the core of both nations' long-term strategies.

However, realization of a unified world cannot happen if God remains absent from any platform and selfishness takes precedence. God cannot be our Heavenly Parent in such circumstances. In other words, the heavenly unified world cannot be. Having carefully observed and analyzed current trends and what it means for us, we planned the August 9 rally on a digital platform as a live two-way online gathering using the latest augmented reality to add realism and immersion to the program.

Going forward, the international headquarters will continue its use of such a digital platform and launch a portal site for Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. Within this portal, we will offer functions such as video-conferencing, two-way live concerts and performances, a multi-language chat service, multi-channel networks, webzines, and much more. With the 1.5 million rally participants' consent, we will manage their data through this portal.

### **Dear Cheon Il Guk leaders and blessed families!**

This amazing Rally of Hope started with everyone's utmost devotion and ended as a miracle. We have yet to compile all the stories from around the world, but here's one example: In Cambodia, the government broadcasting entity, which has twelve million viewers among a population of fifteen million, broadcast the entire event live. The government directed Cambodia's twenty-five provincial governors and all other the government officials to view it. It moved and impressed them. The central government received some amazing reports. Notably, as I was speaking to welcome people to the event, Prime Minister Hun Sen uploaded a video explaining how to register to participate in the event and a video about World Summit 2020 to his official Facebook page.

Furthermore, in Oceania, Fiji's national television station broadcast the event throughout the island nation. Samoa's Prime Minister Malielegaoi participated in the Rally of Hope broadcast from start to finish with our Samoa national leader. In Nepal, surprising happenings occurred, in which a former vice president and Members of Parliament attended the conference live with the Heavenly Asia Pacific UPF chairman, Ek Nath Dakal. In Heavenly Japan, more than three hundred dignitaries, including a former chief cabinet secretary, Hiroshi Kumagai, former Defense Agency Minister Yoshinori Ono, plus members of parliament, mayors and city councilmen from five districts shared the occasion with our UPF leaders at our churches and other designated locations.

The International Association of Youth and Students for Peace, which played the role of the Integrated Operations Center for this rally, made every effort to ensure the attendance of a hundred thousand people, including



The Zoom participants and Director-General Yun as seen by the audience at the Cheongshim World Peace Center. Unseen were numerous translators making the event accessible to people all over the world.

young ministers and parliamentarians from many nations. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude.

#### **Beloved Cheon Il Guk leaders and blessed families!**

A photograph sent to me by a leader from Heavenly Latin America remains an unforgettable scene in my memory, depicting the bright smiles of members in the city of Potosi, Bolivia, situated four thousand meters above sea level, who were taking part in the rally via live television broadcast. Since in Heavenly Latin America, public television networks in nations such as Brazil, Paraguay and Ecuador cover the entire Latin American region, our members and ambassadors for peace in such rural villages were able to take part in this Rally for Hope via live television coverage.

In addition, dignitaries in Heavenly Korea, Heavenly USA, Heavenly Africa, Heavenly Europe and so forth also took part in the rally from beginning to end via live internet or television broadcast. One leader said that "miracles don't always take the form of Moses parting the Red Sea, but among miracles, this Rally for Hope was indeed a great one." I, too, believe this is the case.


The Organizing Committee is going to edit the Rally of Hope video into one-hour, two-hour and full-length versions, with which we will continue making the Rally of Hope available on the national level until the next big rally.

#### **Dear Cheon Il Guk leaders and blessed families!**

The International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) hosted this Rally of Hope. We plan to continue holding the rallies of hope spearheaded by the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP),

Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD), International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) and International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP), among others.

I am confident that we will thus be able to create a new platform for powerful witnessing and new witnessing environments for the firm settlement of a heavenly, unified world. By so doing, I believe we will achieve the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk, in which all people live in Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, as declared by True Parents, attending our Heavenly Parent, as children and realizing one human family under our Heavenly Parent.

It has been said that if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will be able to move mountains. Yet ours is a faith greater than a mustard seed, much stronger even than that of David who was victorious against Goliath. If we march forward on this seven-year cosmic Canaan course with faith, attending True Father in heaven and True Mother in the flesh on earth as our center, we will be able to substantially realize the firm settlement of the heavenly unified world and open of the gates to the heavenly cosmos. I am therefore confident that we will succeed in bringing a third of the world's population to know of and attend our Heavenly Parent while True Mother is still on earth. In conclusion, I would like to thank you all once again for your united devotion evident in this Rally of Hope, and I pray that the love and blessings of Heavenly Parent and True Parents will always be with you. Thank you. 

*Dr. Yun is director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters.*



# Compassionate, Courteous, Tender-Hearted, Humble-Minded

By Paula White

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Rev. White speaking during the Rally of Hope

**T**hank you for the privilege of sharing with you today at this amazing rally of hope. I am honored to stand before such distinguished men and women. A special thank you to my dear friends, Dr. Michael, and Minister Reiko Jenkins.

There is one word that has great meaning for us all; that is the word “family.” Family is the root of everything we are. Family is what binds us together and family is the cornerstone of world peace.

There is one individual who understands and exemplifies true family, and that is Mother Moon. Her devotion, love, extraordinary compassion, and tireless efforts to create models for good governance and strengthening interfaith dialogue have earned her the affectionate title, “Mother of Peace.”

Mother Moon, I respect and honor you for your perseverance, for being a forerunner nationally and globally, for dedicating your life to establishing international peace and good will and for being a true lover of humanity. You have demonstrated that working with all people, no matter the color, creed, age, social class or background is necessary and possible if all people adopt in their hearts the love for all people based on living for the sake of others as you do. Thank you.

### **These trying times**

You know, God is the author of peace. True peace cannot exist without him. His word promises us that he will keep us in perfect peace if we keep our focus on him. We, as the family of God, the church, are called to bring healing to the nations especially during difficult times. We are positioned to be used as we are walking in “his peace and confidence” as his leaders.

Our current world situation with Covid-19 is a great trial, but if we turn to God we will overcome and prosper. It is vital that we are respectful and cooperate among all nations. This is crucial. The Holy Spirit teaches how to respectfully come in the power of cooperation and agreement to harmonize together to make a symphony about all that we face as humans in our individual nations. May we bear with one another. And make allowances out of love, which comes from you God. We are eager and strive earnestly to guard and keep the harmony and oneness produced by the spirit in the binding power of peace. May we commit according to the power of God that


works in us to unite in spirit sympathizing with one another loving each other as brethren, as family—compassionate and courteous, tender-hearted, and humble-minded.

Thankfully, those are key to bring heavenly wisdom and insights to the heads of states and elected officials. May your spirit rest upon your men and women of God, filling them with the wisdom and understanding. The spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge to be as the tribe of Issachar which told Israel what to do, having understanding of the times.

We become peace makers by being in harmony with the Lord. Jesus said blessed are the peacemakers for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is our peace. We are accountable to God and each other as members of his household.

God, bring your people together and forgive us for any intolerance for one another. Lord Jesus came and preached peace to us outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals and so made us equals. Through him we share the same spirit and have equal access to You Father.

Second Chronicles 7:14 reminds us: “If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sins and will heal their land.”

Could we be in a time of anointed release of the church to see the ancient wounds of God’s house rebuild and the ruined cities, the desolation of many generation repaired? Well I believe that God is at work. And so I pray right now for the reunification of South Korea and North Korea and pray that you move mightily, I pray that you release a miracle, God. And I pray over America, protected as a nation, that all nations will be blessed to achieve peace through cooperation. For your word declares: blessed is the nation who calls God Lord. So right now, I thank you that there is a supernatural move of peace and also that you will protect all people from the corona virus. For God, we can be certain in uncertain times, because you are Lord. 

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*Paula White is the president of Paula White Ministries, based in Apopka, Florida, and is the spiritual adviser to US President Donald Trump. The text was edited for True Peace magazine.*



# Heed the Warning

By Ban Ki-moon

**H**onorable heads of state, prime ministers, first ladies, Distinguished participants from a hundred and fifty nations and all sectors of the society, representing governments, industries, NGOs, faith-based organizations, women, youth, academia, artists and media. It is my great honor and privilege to share a few words with you on this historic occasion of the Rally of Hope to Support a Heavenly Unified Korea through Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values.

Furthermore, I would like to offer heartfelt words of gratitude to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for organizing this precious gathering. For the past seven years, Dr. Moon has devoted ceaseless efforts to bring together stakeholders from all realms of society to seek innovative ways to build a world of peace and to support peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

Her sincere efforts aimed at furthering the cause of peace have led to successful hosting of the World Summit 2020 last February and have given much support for the Declaration at the Asia-Pacific Union. I believe this meaningful gathering will also serve as a platform that lays the foundation for Korea to turn itself into an innovative and inclusive nation as well as an economic peace community on the Korean peninsula, thereby being prepared for the next century.

## Global turmoil

As you may already know, the world we are living in is continually facing challenges that threaten peace. Arrogance and material greed have led to territorial disputes, conflicts among religions and ethnic groups and family break down. Worse yet, they aggravated the imminent threat of climate change and global warming. All

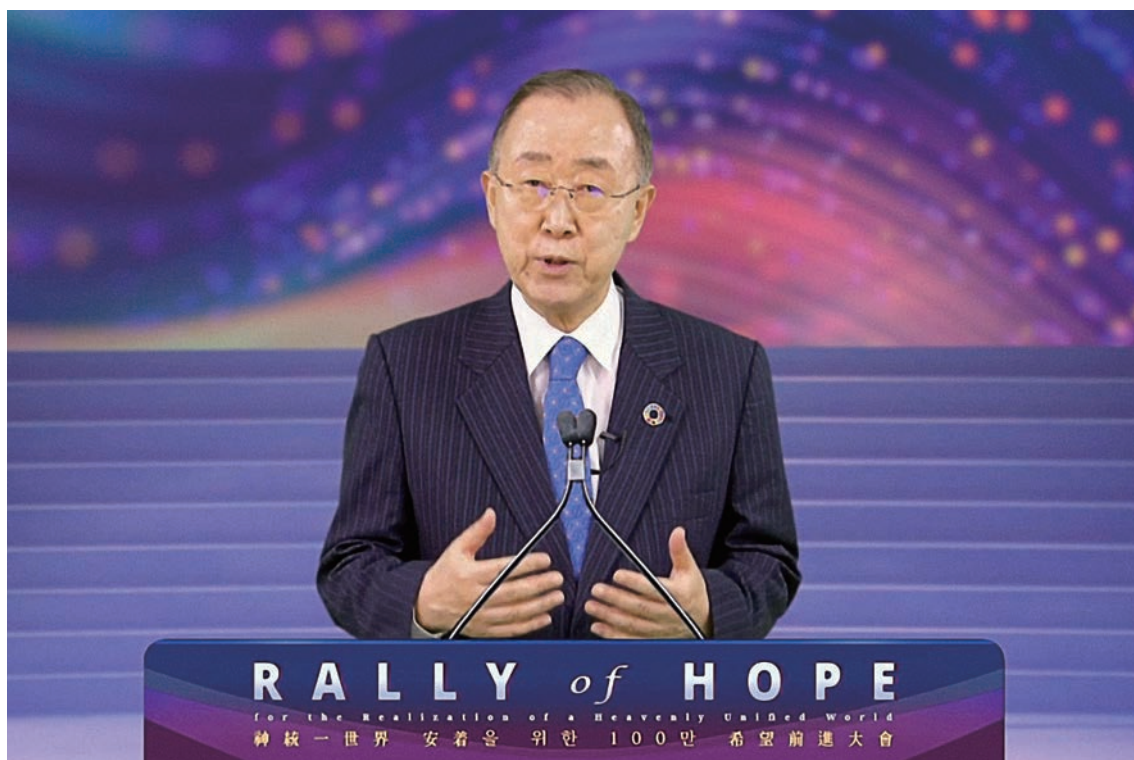
this is seriously undermining human dignity.

Rampant nationalism is threatening the security of humanity. I have witnessed this brutal reality firsthand, having lived through the Korean War, as well as during my time as diplomat and as Korea's Minister of Foreign Affairs. However, during my tenure as secretary-general of the United Nations, the historic, unanimous adoption by 195 nations of the Paris Agreement during the 2015 UN Climate Change Conference (COP 21) became a tremendous turning point for environmental issues, particularly regarding greenhouse gas reduction.

## We must fight together

However, we are still faced with a particularly daunting set of challenges, all of which have become more pronounced by the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 has indeed become a grave threat to humanity. In the wake of this crisis, we have seen the intensification of unsettling





Ban Ki-moon, the recipient of the Founders' Centenary Award from True Mother and the Sun Hak Peace Prize Committee at the February 2020 World Summit, delivering his address at the Rally of Hope

trends. I will mention four of them, all of which are interrelated. First is the growing tension between the US and China, which some call a new cold war. This trend has and will continue to have global implications, but nowhere more profoundly than here in Asia. Second, nationalism and protectionism are on the rise, resulting in countries to shift away from multilateralism and international cooperation. Third, there remains the imminent threat of climate change, undermining health and security of humanity on many fronts. If we fail to unite as one world community, our very existence will be threatened. Fourth, there is a crisis in values, ethics and social capital that underpin good governance and stable societies. The new cold war in the COVID-19 era, nationalism and protectionism, climate change and the crisis of social capital are the clear manifestations of nature's stern warning to humanity. We need to heed this warning, and with foresight and empathy, seek for practical ways to coexist with nature.


### We must work together

Governments alone cannot address the challenges of our time, not to mention COVID-19. The role of NGOs is especially important. If we are to achieve our goals, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), there should be a broad set of partnerships forged particularly between government and civil society. Building partnership across a wide range of sectors is imperative if we are to build a better world. In this respect, I highly applaud the work initiated

by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for setting examples. I believe that the Universal Peace Federation and its broad set of partnerships in the realms of politics, religion, academia, media, economy, arts, women and youth serve as a good model.

I believe the Universal Peace Federation will become a cornerstone to build lasting peace around the world and a Heavenly Unified Korea based on interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values. Peace is not an issue that is exclusive to one individual or a nation. Peace is our common wish and a long-cherished desire. I believe that lasting peace will only get stronger when governments and civil society closely partner with one another.

Now is the time for us to build bridges, not to erect walls. If we work together, there is no challenge that is too great, no obstacle that cannot be overcome. Regardless of our national, ethnic, racial, religious or political backgrounds, we are the members of one human family. Let us respect and support one another to achieve world peace and move one step closer to peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula.

Once again, I would like to thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for organizing today's Rally of Hope to Support the Heavenly Unified Korea. May all of you and your family be filled with happiness and blessings. Thank you. 

*Ban Ki-moon was secretary-general of the United Nations January 1, 2007–December 31, 2016. He is also chair of South Korea's National Council on Climate and Air Quality (NCCA).*

The Little Angels, since 1962, have traveled the world performing and projecting a positive image of Korea in various nations. This performance projected their warm-hearted love for others simultaneously in nations all over the globe.



# Together We Shall Prevail

By Newt Gingrich

First of all, I would like to welcome all of the distinguished heads of state, parliamentarians and other leaders who have come together for this Rally of Hope. What you are doing—the time you are spending, your involvement—is very important in a very troubled world. I think that what Mother Moon has done in carrying on the work of her husband and building a worldwide movement committed to the concepts that we can find ways to talk with each other, we can find ways to work together, and we need to place more emphasis on peace and on seeking a better future than on war, is very important.

And so, this meeting is another step in the right direction. I participated in several and I know that the work that has been done by *the Washington Times*, really not just in America, but around the world is a key part of that. And that the influence *the Washington Times* has built in the United States in carrying this message of hope, and this message that together we can find steps in the right direction, bringing North Korea and South Korea closer together, finding a way for Korea and Japan to have a better way to dialogue. I can tell you in the meetings I have been in, in both Korea and Japan, it's been remarkable the number of people who have come out and who have been involved.

I can also tell you that Congressman Dan Burton [1983–2013] who heads up the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace is doing a remarkable job. I have known Dan for many years. He is deeply committed. He is hardworking. He is courageous. He has great contacts in Washington, and now, frankly, working through the Universal Peace Federation, he has great contacts around the world. And he really is committed to bringing people together.

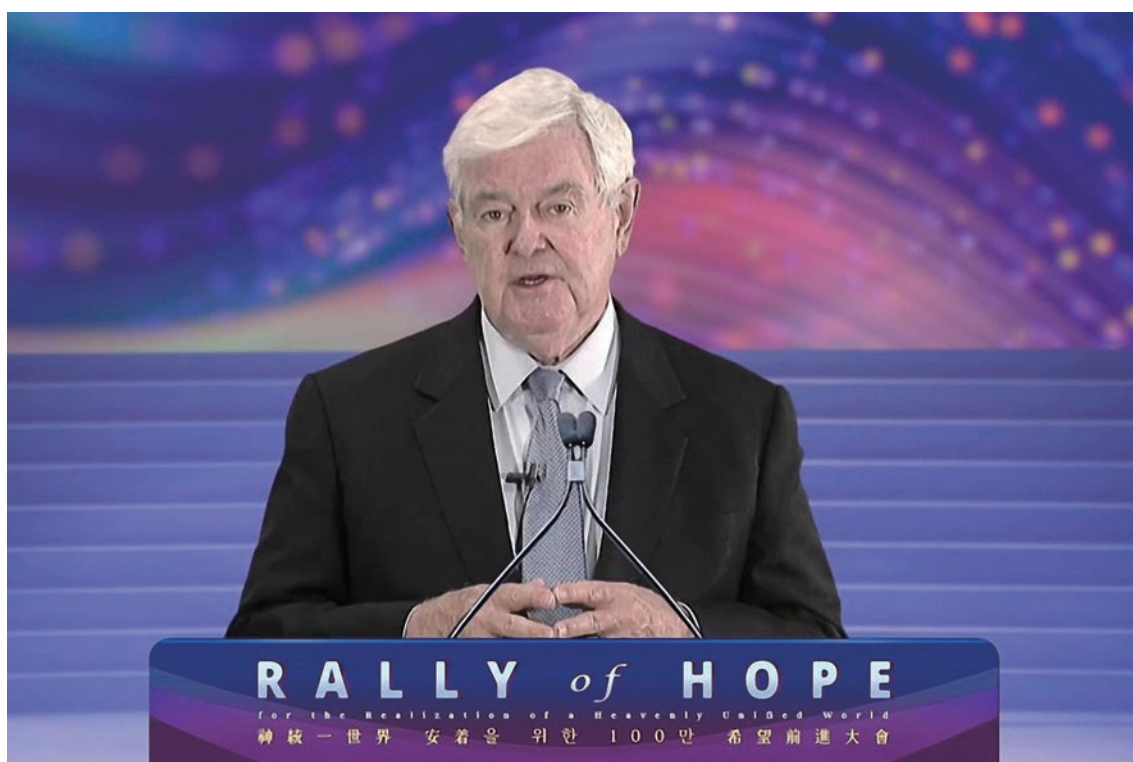
## Cooperation and determination

I think this meeting that you are now engaged in is an important step frankly in a time when the world is very troubled. Between COVID, the economic difficulties, all the things we are seeing. We need more effort to follow the path of Rev. Moon, to recognize that seeking peace, seeking understanding, working together is the key to a successful future. And so, I think you taking your time to be involved in this meeting is really important.

I hope you have a very successful meeting; I hope to see a number of you later on this fall when we hope to have some meetings once we get past the epidemic and are able to once again get together in places like Washington DC. And I can tell you I would really look forward along with Dan Burton to helping a whole bunch of parliamentarians and government leaders to come together, to share ideas, and to develop a better path for the future.

So please allow me if somebody who is fascinated with this process, who has really enjoyed working with *the Washington Times*, in thinking through new ways to communicate with the American people and around the world, and who's convinced that what Mother Moon is doing, in carrying on her husband's work, the work that together they launched is truly a historic mission and one that's worth your time and your effort; and I hope you'll tell your friends that there is hope for a better future.

You know, we are in a period of such extraordinary change. Having worldwide pandemic, which is affecting every single country in the world, having an economic crisis caused by the pandemic, which is affecting every country in the world. Watching various problems



Newt Gingrich spoke with empathy and offered encouragement to True Mother, the *Washington Times*, the Universal Peace Federation and all those who are working to move the world toward peace.

evolve and emerge in ways that could lead to a much more violent future, or with leadership, with people talking with each other, could lead to some really interesting breakthroughs and some real opportunities for cooperation.


### **We will find a way**

So, when I look at what is going around in the world I think to myself this could be a beginning of a long decade or more, of difficulties, of feeling really psychologically let down, of depression, of despair, or, with the help of people like yourselves, people who are willing to spend their time and their energy providing leadership, offering hope, we could come out of this cycle with a new burst of enthusiasm for a better future.

I am for one very big about space and the things that you are going to see that happen in the very near future; things, for example, the United Arab Emirates just launched their first rocket into space, the Chinese are launching a rocket that is going to go to Mars, we are developing a program to permanently go back to the Moon and we are inviting countries all over the world that will join us. Not that space will solve every single problem, but it does create a sense of hope, a sense of optimism.

If you look at the scale of research underway right now, I think at least three new vaccinations, vaccines coming online in a matter of months, the fastest ever in history,

you can see that there is a pharmaceutical industry out there which may, by the way, be right at the edge of breakthrough, not just dealing with COVID-19, but also very close to a breakthrough on Sickle cell anemia, very close to a breakthrough on a number of other diseases. And so I can imagine a not very distant future where you have people more healthier, where the economy has come roaring back and you have people who want to get in equating prosperity, and where we have a much bigger vision of how the world fits in to a larger system and how we fit in to a better world.

So, I am an optimist. Yes, we have challenges. Yes, there are difficulties. But I believe that we can in fact work together—all of you are the example of this—we can reach across national boundaries, we can reach across parties and differences, and we can find a way to create a dramatically better future for our children and our grandchildren. And by doing it together, we actually create a better future for the entire human race. So count me in as an optimist, count me in as somebody who believes each one of us can make a big difference, and together, I think you are going to find that this meeting is one of the building blocks of creating that better future. 

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*Mr. Gingrich was a US Congressman 1978–1999 and Speaker of the US House of Representatives 1995–1999.*



# At a Perilous Time across the Globe

By Chuichi Date



In typical Japanese fashion, Mr. Date read vertical columns of hiragana and kanji on folded sheets of paper when delivering his speech.

It is a great honor for me to here at the "One-Million-Person Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World." My name is Chuichi Date, and I served as president of Japan's House of Councilors until August last year. I must say that this conference, held under the theme, "The Current Situation and Future Issues of Covid-19," is a very timely one.

Today, I am happy to have Mr. Masayoshi Kajikuri, president of UPF-Japan, and Rev. Eiji Tokuno, president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, here with us today. It was through an invitation I received from these two presidents that I participated in the World Summit 2020, which took place in Korea this past February.

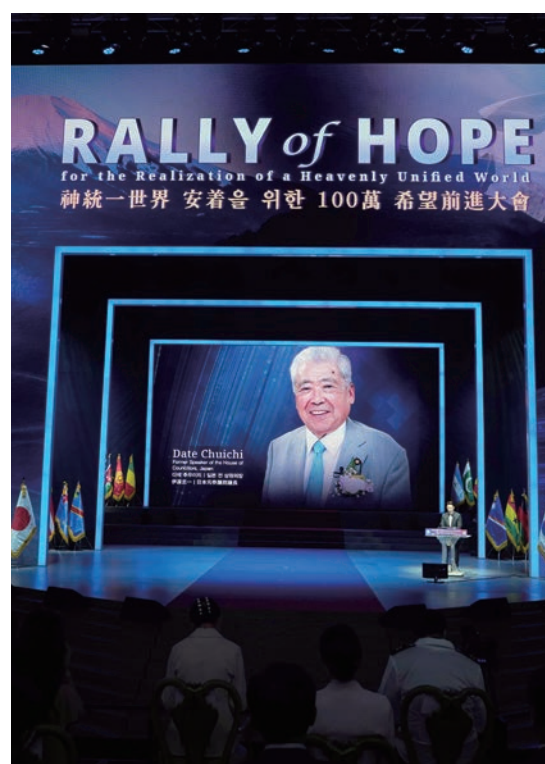
It was an honor for me to give my remarks on behalf of Japan in front of leaders of various walks of life, including heads of state and top government officials from all over the world, while Dr. Hak Ja Han was present on the stage. Even now, thinking about it, I can feel the great sensation I experienced then.

At that time, Covid-19 had already started to loom over Asian countries, and when I saw that they were able to successfully gather dignitaries from all over the world and hold that grand international conference with six thousand participants despite that very difficult situation, I cannot help feeling that God is with this movement and God protected it.

Dr. Hak Ja Han said in her keynote address, "Human-centered selfishness has exhausted not only human beings but also the beautiful earth. It is not possible for humanity to become one with thoughts and ideas focused only on earthly, human life. We must properly understand God, the Creator, who is the origin of the universe." I still keep those words in mind. I was deeply impressed by the sight of Dr. Han expressing her beliefs with dignity in front of high-level dignitaries including heads of state and heads of government from around the world.


As soon as the summit ended, fear of Covid-19 swallowed up the entire world. Fortunately, Japan, South Korea, and other Asian countries have not suffered such extensive damage, but we are in a situation where we cannot drop our guard against the second and third waves that may come. In times like these the "International Summit Council for Peace" which Dr. Han launched during the summit needs to fulfill its role.

The Covid-19 crisis has divided the world, which faces unpleasant situations such as countries blaming one another and competing for masks and medical resources. Meanwhile,



racial conflict is becoming more serious in the United States. There has never been a time such as now when such a desperate need has arisen for the spirit of "interdependence, mutual prosperity, and universally shared values," which Rev. Moon and now Dr. Han have consistently encouraged.

The publication of the Japanese version of Dr. Han's autobiography, *Mother of Peace: And God Shall Wipe Away All Tears from Their Eyes* took place in March. Many Japanese politicians, scholars, and religious and business leaders are providing reviews that show that the book has deeply touched their hearts.

If we compare the conflict between the countries of the world to a fight between siblings, what the world needs now is someone who can be like a mother to all humanity and bring about reconciliation. I sincerely hope that under the guidance of Dr. Hak Ja Han, the activities of the "International Summit Council for Peace" will show the way to solving various problems that the world is facing, taking a strong step toward world peace. On behalf of the participants and leaders from Japan, thank you very much. 

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*Mr. Date was a member of Japan's House of Councilors from 2001 and president of that august body 2016–2020.*



# Dire Circumstances Call for Extraordinary Collaboration

By Hun Sen

Excellencies, distinguished leaders, Honorable Hak Ja Han Moon, co-founder of Universal Peace Federation, Honorable Jose de Venecia, co-chairman of ICAPP, Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, chairman of the Universal Peace Federation, Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen!

Today, I have the great honor and pleasure to address ladies and gentlemen at the Virtual Summit, a "Rally of Hope" organized by the Universal Peace Federation. The theme, "Rebuilding and Renewing Our Nations in the Post-COVID-19 World: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values" is especially important and vital at a time when all nations around the world are struggling to fight COVID-19.

As we all aware, COVID-19 has been threatening our daily lives—customs, lifestyles, economies, and societies—in all countries around the world. To date, no one knows when the COVID-19 crisis will end, and no one can precisely estimate the effects of the pandemic on all aspects of each nation, including their economy, politics, and social order. For Cambodia, we can assess that the situation of COVID-19 is not severe given that no community-level transmission has yet occurred in the country; the current cases of infection were all imported, and we have experienced zero mortality.

Like other countries, Cambodia has put in place stringent measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by devising three fronts: (1) Preventing the recurrence of imported cases into Cambodia, (2) Preventing community-level transmission, and (3) providing treatment to the infected. To ensure the highest level of efficiency, Cambodia has established a national committee to combat COVID-19 under joint central command to lead,

launch and promote the implementation of all adopted measures. So far, the fight against COVID-19 in all countries has largely concentrated on their own domestic measures. However, in the context of globalization and regional integration, I believe that the fight against COVID-19 as well as the socio-economic recovery after the pandemic crisis cannot be solved at the national level. It requires deepening and broadening international cooperation in all fields.

## **We are under the same threat**

This means that the international community must work together to turn the fight against COVID-19 into a common battle. In this spirit, allow me to share some views as follows: First, the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic has posed unprecedented challenges to public





Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia spoke at length on the need to address the COVID-19 crisis in an internationally coordinated way.

PM Hun Sen graciously welcomed the MS Westerdam (pictured below) to Cambodia after other countries had rejected it, and he took responsibility for the passengers after one of them tested positive for Covid-19 after having left the ship and Cambodia. Despite criticism from foreign sources, all remaining passengers on the MS Westerdam tested negative. In his address, he makes the point that we need empathy amidst the health crisis.



health security, disruptions of gatherings and of the functioning of the global supply chains, all of which are seriously effecting livelihoods and aggravating the global economic downturn. In this context, a joint response and universal solidarity aiming at supporting multilateralism is becoming increasingly more urgent. In this regard, while the world is awaiting a breakthrough in vaccine development, Cambodia is calling for the adoption of a vaccine as a global public good, which people anywhere and everywhere can access.

Second, we must avoid racism and the blame game, which leads to disunity, because the whole world needs to join hands to fight this pandemic. In the spirit of humanitarianism and international solidarity, Cambodia granted permission to the MS Westerdam cruise ship, with more than two thousand, two hundred passengers onboard, to dock in Cambodia on February 13, 2020. Cambodia has not only provided treatment to infected Cambodian nationals but also the infected foreigners in the country.

Third, moving forward, we need to be strategically well-prepared for post-COVID-19 crises. To realize this, we should develop a specific recovery plan by setting out a number of scenarios for a gradual reopening of cross-border travel and trade between countries in the region and for recovering the sectors severely hit by the crisis. Fourth, we must continue to strengthen cooperation in promoting globalization and in strengthening

multilateral mechanisms to ensure a conducive environment for promoting economic growth, eradicating poverty, and improving people's livelihoods.

We must ensure that our cooperation mechanisms remain open and supportive of the multilateral trading system, especially in accelerating our social and economic connectivity to advance each country's development agenda and to achieve a global agenda of sustainable and inclusive development.

Fifth, building and maintaining peace and security in the world is an indispensable foundation for development. Therefore, building and maintaining peace and security is a must; it should be the highest priority of each country. We cannot achieve peace by chance. We must promote mutual love, mutual respect, and the value of humanity, coexist peacefully and harmoniously, and respect the diversity of faiths, religions, and cultures within and between societies.

In closing, may I call upon all leaders to register a high level of goodwill and responsibility to respond to this global challenge and to maintain a conducive environment for peace, stability and harmony, development and prosperity of all nations. Cambodia is ready to contribute to this noble goal with all stakeholders. 𑀧𑀺𑀓𑀸𑀓

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*Hun Sen has been the prime minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia since 1998.*



# A Call for Cooperation in these Trying Times

*The 2020 Rally of Hope by the Universal Peace Federation  
Rebuilding and Renewing Our Nations in the Post-COVID World:  
Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity and Universal Values*

By Macky Sall

**H**onorable Dr Hak Ja Han Moon, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
As a Sunhak Peace Prize laureate, I am happy to join you for the Universal Peace Federation's Rally of Hope 2020.

I would first like to salute the legacy of the esteemed founder of UPF, Reverend Sun Myung Moon, whose centenary we are celebrating this year. I address my affectionate tribute to the Honorable Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who pursues with such love and generosity UPF's ideal of peace and human brotherhood.

This Rally of Hope is taking place at an unprecedented time in history, when the entire world is bearing the brunt of the brutal impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to being a major health crisis, the virus has deeply disrupted our living conditions and our social relations. Education systems are in jeopardy, economies at half mast, companies are in trouble and workers face a precarious situation.

The COVID-19 pandemic ignores borders as well as social, ideological and geopolitical considerations. It brings to light the limits of the most sophisticated health care systems and shows us our common vulnerabilities—men and women, young and old, rich or poor. Countries of the North and the South are all equally affected.

To date, COVID-19 has not revealed all of its secrets. And there is still no medicine or vaccine to fight it. In the face of so many challenges and uncertainties, faith, confidence in science, and the resolve to act together will help us maintain hope, overcome trials, and overcome our common vulnerabilities.


We need to act together, because just as the virus has circled the planet in a few months, it will remain a threat to everyone as long as it continues to be active somewhere



President Sall of Senegal, whom Mother first met on January 17, 2018. So much progress has been made since that day.

in the world. Self-centeredness is not an option if we are to bring victory. Rather we need to work in solidarity and human fraternity, as UPF has always done.

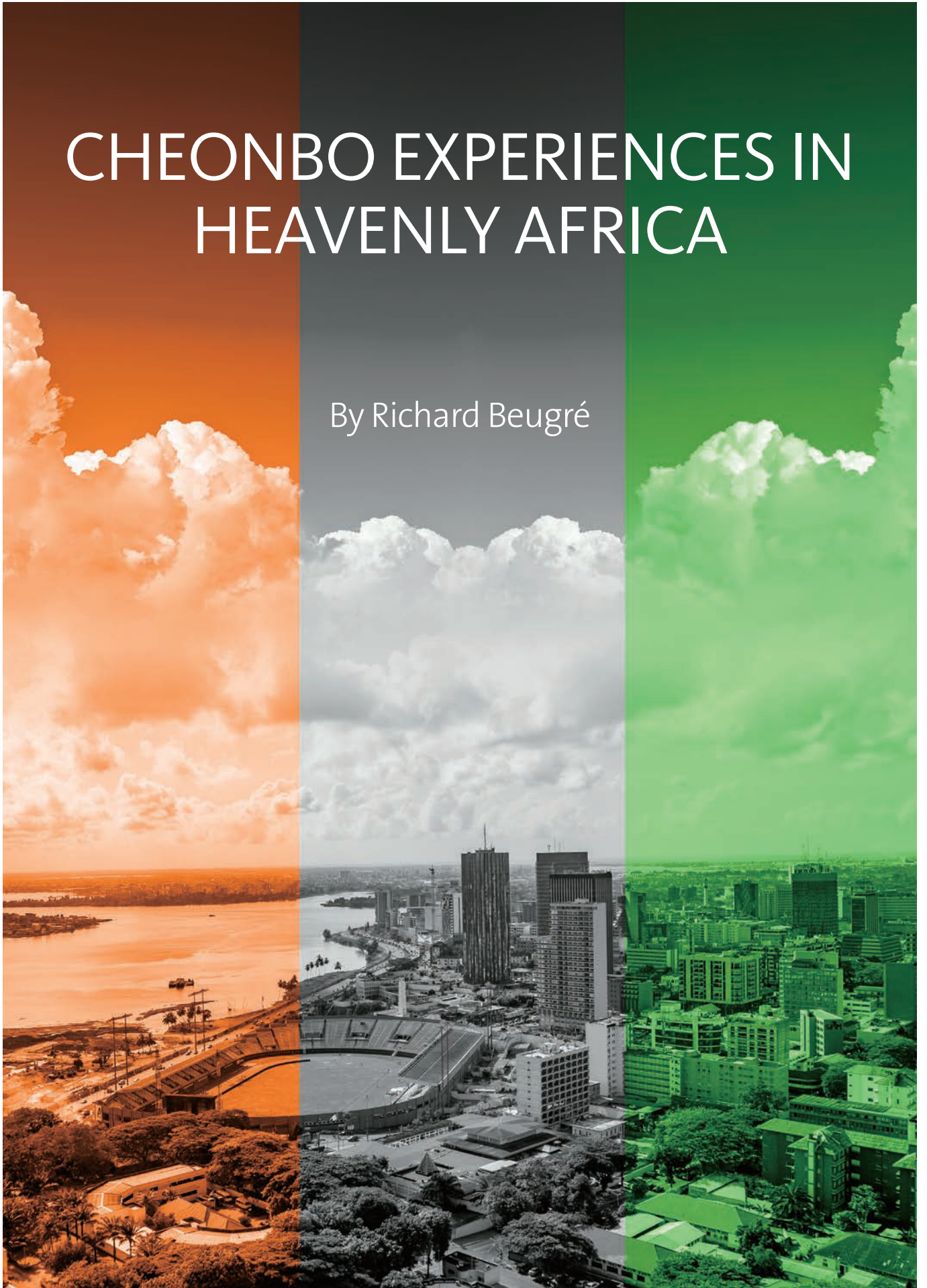
This is what prompted me, on May 14, to co-sign the International Appeal so that the future vaccine for COVID-19 is a common good, free and accessible to all countries.

In the same spirit, I salute and support the Rally of Hope 2020 which brings us together so that the post COVID-19 world will be a better place for everyone. I send you my warm congratulations and wish your event to be a complete success. 

*Macky Sall is president of the Republic of Senegal.*

# CHEONBO EXPERIENCES IN HEAVENLY AFRICA

By Richard Beugré







Faithful members came from various African nations to Côte d'Ivoire for a brief Cheonbo workshop, which they safely held, maintaining social distancing and wearing face masks.

I would like to start by saying a great thank you to the Heavenly Parent and our True Parents who made it possible to hold Cheonbo workshops in Côte d'Ivoire and Zambia. The Cheonbo workshop in Côte d'Ivoire fulfilled all that it promises, even though it has yet to demonstrate the full spiritual power of the True Parents of humanity.

This workshop took place on July 11 with more than five hundred participants with all those from Côte d'Ivoire experiencing liberation and blessings.

From Côte d'Ivoire's main centers, a hundred and seventy-two people came. A hundred members came from Bingerville, fifty-six from Cocody and sixteen from Yamoussoukro. Beyond Côte d'Ivoire, eighty people came from Benin, forty-six from Ghana, thirty-seven from Congo Brazzaville, twenty-eight from both Liberia and Togo, nineteen from

Cameroon, eighteen from the Central African Republic, sixteen from Gabon, fourteen from both Mali and Nigeria, thirteen from Senegal, ten from Chad, five from Sao Tome and four from Sierra Leone. All participants wore masks and practiced social distancing.


The opening ceremony began at 8:00 am with instructions on the spiritual world and the importance of liberation and blessing. The program then proceeded according to the plan formulated by Cheonbo Africa. All stages went well, and we finished at 12:15 pm.

We held the workshop in Bingerville, which was the capital 1900–1934, when Côte d'Ivoire was a colony of France. Today, Bingerville is one of four sub-prefectures Abidjan, which is the nation's commercial capital, in southeastern Côte d'Ivoire on the Gulf of Guinea.

### SOME PARTICIPANTS' REFLECTIONS

- I saw in my vision when praying, the world in the indoor stadium shouting loudly: We are inescapable in a blessing ceremony. God is extraordinarily strong because it was not obvious that cheonbo was going to continue [because Covid-19 does not seem to be going away soon.]. My head was in a lot of pain,

but the ansu truly freed me.

- Thank you very much to True Parents. It must be said that because it is difficult for me financially in these times, I prayed about how to find the money to participate. My ancestors told me to look at my bank account. And I was able to find the money to solve my problem.
- I also had discomfort on my left side just below my chest. After the blessed water ceremony, I felt relief from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet. During the liberation, I felt many people in front of me. During the prayer of blessing, a strong light shone throughout the room.
- In Yamoussoukro, two hundred and fifty kilometers (one hundred and seventy miles) from Bingerville, one woman, who was sitting in the back of a room was visited by a spirit and said, "Open your heart, open your heart, open your heart. Free your heart to receive heavenly fortune. Free yourself from all satanic attacks so that there may be openings for blessed families because True Parents are with us." 

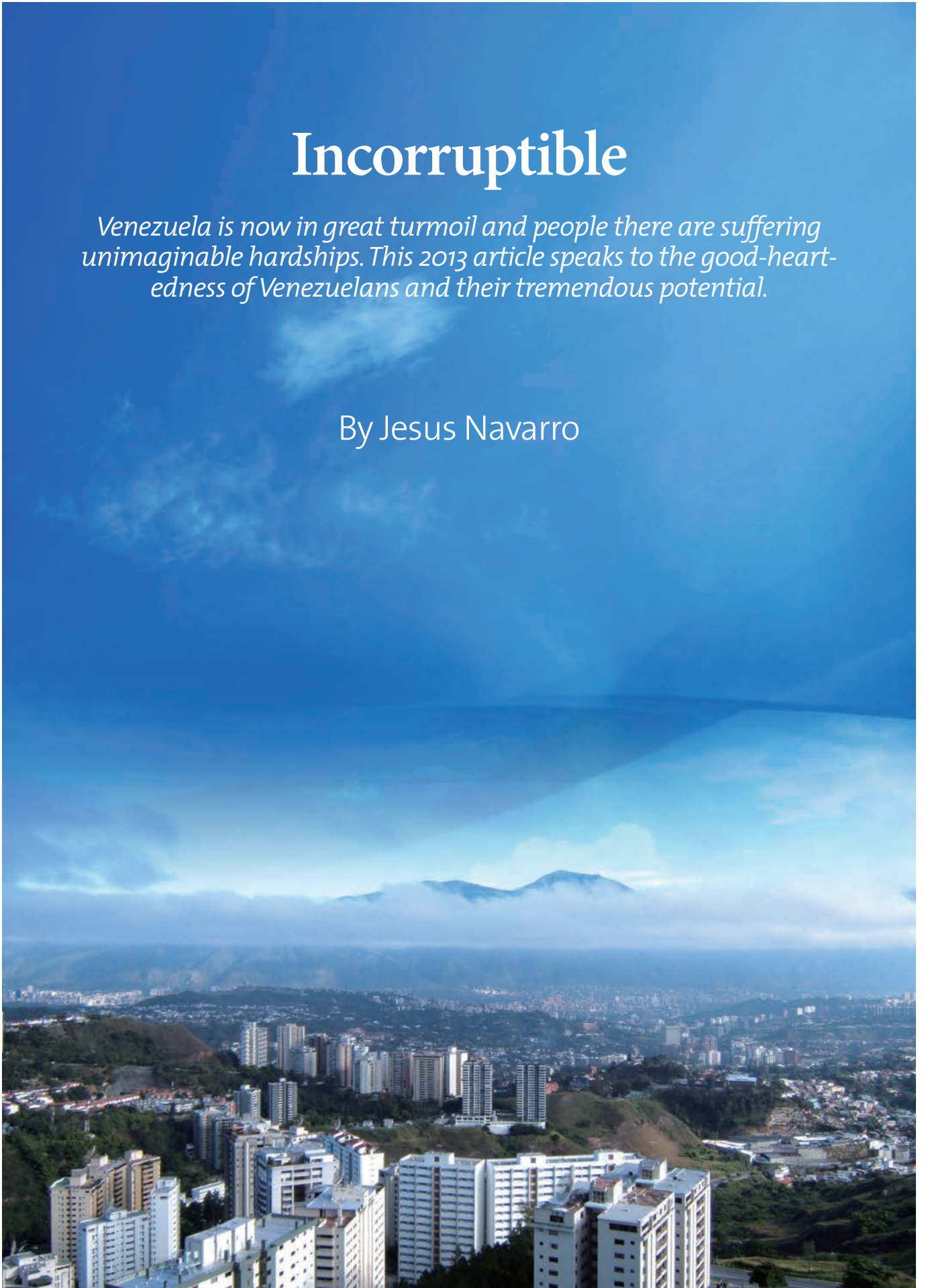
*The text was edited for True Peace magazine.*



# Incorruptible

*Venezuela is now in great turmoil and people there are suffering unimaginable hardships. This 2013 article speaks to the good-heartedness of Venezuelans and their tremendous potential.*

By Jesus Navarro







The purpose of involving Venezuelan college students in service projects was to help them discover for themselves the value of unconditional giving, which ties in well with instilling in them the sense that they are incorruptible. *Facing page:* Proclaiming incorruptibility while helping out at a public fruit market.

In 2007, an Anglican priest introduced me to the dean of the engineering faculty in Alejandro de Humboldt University, who offered me a job as a teacher. I began teaching college subjects such as critical thinking, how to study and think effectively, ethics and report writing. The students were young, having just graduated from high school. They were pure and just beginning a new life, so I introduced many points of the Divine Principle through my lectures and classes. The students were interested. Many of them asked questions and invited me out to coffee during breaks. We became friends. After they passed my subjects, we continued the relationship. I began inviting them to Divine Principle lectures in my home, and I started a new ministry with these young students. The students brought more young members. I had been teaching Divine Principle in my home and in my backyard, but we could not continue there because there was not enough space.

I began to hold Divine Principle workshops, two- or three-day workshops at a house owned by an ambassador for peace in the countryside. In the beginning, she lent it to us free of charge as long as we took care of it. We held sixty workshops there, for-

ty-eight three-day and twelve seven-day Divine Principle workshops. We had an educational structure, but our church did not have the infrastructure to educate people as full-time members. For that reason, I began to send them to workshops in other countries, such as Argentina, which had a set of twenty-one-day workshops within a formula course that ran for either one year or two. That was where our full-time-member training began. From the more than twenty young members I had sent to Argentina for this spiritual education, enough of them came back with a particularly good, solid education that we could then have full-time-member programs in Venezuela. We had young leaders who could take care of the youngest, and we began to grow.

### Recognizing our latent potential

My approach was somewhat radical. I remember once listening to someone talk about proclaiming True Parents as the Messiah and thinking, How can I do that? And I had the idea, Well, let's proclaim that everyone is the messiah, because we are all potential messiahs. The only way we can develop that potential is through the Messiah, our True Parents. So I began to proclaim, "You are the messiah," which became our workshop's ap-

proach to the participants. In that way we were demonstrating God's existence. We were demonstrating that the Fall was a sexual issue, but we were also demonstrating that a person has the potential to be a messiah.

People felt so high—Wow, I want to be a messiah! After this experience, we introduced them, in a seven-day workshop, to True Parents as the Messiah. "Now you can be the messiah, because the Messiah has arrived, and they are teaching all of us to be messiahs." This was our approach to young people; specifically, teenagers. Teenagers hearing these ideals become excited; they want to become messiahs, and they work hard to become messiahs.

In five years (2007–2012) we had seventeen people, who were exhilarated, join as full-time members in Venezuela. Four of them [at the time of writing] were in Argentina. We had twenty blessed central families. We had twenty-three second-generation children. We had twelve young home members, and we had seven elders. We were growing. This may not have seemed like much to members in other countries, but to us it was a huge result after many years of stagnation in the Venezuelan church.



### The power of pure love

I feel that two events were significant for the Venezuelan providence. In February 2010, we went to Korea to perform at a cultural festival for True Parents. We presented a play aimed at helping prevent spread of the HIV virus (which if left untreated leads to AIDS), drug abuse and teenage pregnancy. Only true, pure, responsible love can overcome all these situations. We presented this in English to True Parents, who seemed happy. That was the first time Venezuelans had reached the point of being close to True Parents and making them happy.

In 2012, after performing a dance of the saints in front of True Parents—involving Buddha, Confucius, Jesus and Mohammed dancing in celebration of True Parents' victory—fourteen members remained in Korea for six months. Because for the past few years we'd had to pay a fee to use the ambassador's house, they raised funds to purchase a countryside workshop site. It was such arduous work and the result they were expecting was slow to materialize. Father heard about our team and he was so excited about it that he decided to give a large grant to the Venezuelan members. They reached their goal thanks to True Parents.

### Joining heaven and earth

Our members came back to Venezuela, and we re-inaugurated our CARP activities. Many of them were university students. We had nine CARP student members working at four universities in Caracas, the nation's capital. We called our version of CARP "An Incorruptible Venezuela is Possible." We wanted to reach out to young people at universities and in high schools and tell them that if everybody becomes incorruptible, we are going to change our country; we're going to change society, and we're going to change the world.

People were so interested in the word "incorruptible," which we feel somehow unites heaven and earth. It is a very earthy word. It corresponds to the first blessing. No more personal sin, plus maturity of character—it signifies a responsible person who lives for the sake of others, freely and happily. Incorruptible people will form happy families and societies.

Both corruption and incorruptibility are results of our decisions. Through appropriate values education, we learned and taught decision-making based on goodness, upon which we can build an incorruptible life. Training for incorruptibility requires introspection and practice. Character development involves disciplining one's desires and emotions so as to incorporate universal values into everyday life.

### Our campus activities

We decided to work with young people, and we were having impressive results. At that time, the most important activity we were developing was debates in universities. We held these debates between college students. We called this program "Incorruptible Values, Image and Power." The idea was to focus on three types of power that we need to overcome and master in order to avoid being corrupted—the power of sex, the power to dominate or hurt others and the power of money. The program proved attractive to young people. It served as an approach to the discussion of the incorruptible individual, family and society, as well as incorruptible leadership.

Every week, also, in two or three universities, we had what we called "a conversation." We picked an important figure in history—it might be Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. or Helen Keller—and we talked about their values, why they were so great. Afterward, we held an open discussion. We guided the conversation toward the topic of becoming incorruptible. We gave participants some ideas to reflect on, and the following week they returned with that reflection, and we continued those conversations.

For instance, we might say to them, "Listen, evil doesn't exist. Evil is just a human creation. We decided to create evil. If we decide not to create evil, evil won't exist." Statements of this type make people think. We continued, "To avoid evil, all that is needed is a decision, but it also involves arduous effort because we have to first define what goodness is. Then, we have to incorporate, that is, incarnate, that goodness. That means we have to deal with our desires and our emotions. So please come to our workshops, and we will continue working."

We were then dealing with these kinds of topics at universities. We combined them with social service projects that we held every Saturday. Many volunteers came. Our goal was to enable young people to discover the joy of giving love without expecting compensation in return. The focus was on benefiting others, especially the needy and disadvantaged. We indirectly enriched ourselves spiritually, emotionally and ethically. We also developed a healthy sense of belonging (of ownership) and a feeling for our own country and our people, whom we wanted to protect. We learned to educate by example. This helped create a dynamic energy among young people. We encouraged those members to become our young leaders. They were great. With our CARP programs, I believed we would soon see incorruptible people in Venezuela that would provide the best leadership in any political, economic or legal system. *TP*

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# Remembering True Father Is a Call to Witness

*The Albanian movement commemorated the 2016 fourth anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa in a public building and in a very public-minded manner.*





- ❶ The event ended with cheers of Eog Mansei!
- ❷ International cooperation: Rev. Giuseppe Cali, the national leader of FFWPU-Italy, who was in the country leading a workshop for Albanian members hungry for spiritual nourishment, testified to the changes True Father had wrought in his life.
- ❸ Flowers being offered on the day the Albanian members publicly commemorated the anniversary of True Father's ascension

Based on True Mother's guidance to organize and commemorate the fourth anniversary of True Father's seonghwa in each nation, on September 3, around two hundred and eighty brothers and sisters, ambassadors for peace, and prominent societal figures including Members of Parliament and those that served as Members of Parliament in the past as well as other members of government and guests, met at the main hall of the Tirana International Hotel to honor, remember and celebrate the life of our True Father, Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

The whole program was a combination of personal testimonies and music performances, giving everybody present a small taste of how great, strong, and single-minded True Father was when facing death and being persecuted by the world. The event also recalled the other side of True Father's character, how sensible he was and how he could be moved to tears by the fall of a leaf.

After offering the bouquets of flowers, the opening remarks was given by Rev. Giuseppe Cali, the national leader of FFWPU- Italy, who was in Albania to teach Original

Divine Principle to young Albanians. Rev. Cali shared his personal experiences with True Father and how his life had changed since as a young man he had heard and been touched by the teaching and life style of True Father, which was a living principle life.


After a moving video about True Father's life and achievements, Mr. Ali Lacej, the coordinator of the Albanian Peace Council, testified about the greatness of True Father's teachings and the spiritual revolution he brought to peoples' minds and hearts. In addition, he mentioned how much True Parents did for Albania and Albanians.

Two beautiful songs were performed by UPA students Mica and Riza and Albanian blessed members who wanted to offer their hearts and gratitude to True Father. The performance concluded with an exciting rhythmic dance performed by four Japanese brothers who are part of Cheon Il Guk missionary program.

After the joyful performances, the program continued with four heart-felt moving testimonies given by one ambassador for peace, Mrs. Kozeta Zavalani, and three members, Daniela Pupa, Arnold Grami and

Anila Prethi. You could feel the sincerity of their words coming from the heart. Naturally, most of the participants were in tears, recalling their own experiences with True Father and missing him dearly. In that spirit, the famous Albanian singer Marisa Ikononi, an ambassador for peace, sang "Let it Be", followed by an famous a Albanian song.

The program concluded with a moving poem by the chairman of the Universal Peace Federation in Albania, Mr. Gaqo Apostoli entitled "Oh, how much I miss you Heavenly Parent." This moved everybody. At the end, we offered three cheers of loud Eog Mansei!

It was a short program, just one hundred minutes, but we felt in a different world, close to our True Father and True Mother, as we left the hotel. Many guests who did not know much about True Parents were very happy and asked to learn more about True Parents. It was very clear to all of us that what we should do to the fullest is testify to True Parents and let people know they are here. 

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# Invisible Mission, Invisible Sacrifice

*An anonymous member whom True Parents sent to a Middle Eastern country as a national messiah submitted this touching testimony. When the national messiah providence began in 1996, True Parents chose eligible people—Korean and Japanese leaders with more than thirty years' public mission experience and mature Western members with the longest, most pertinent frontline church experience. More than twenty years later, in 2018, Macky Sall, president of Senegal, invited True Mother to his predominately Muslim nation. Looking back at that day of great victory, we cannot help but salute all the arduous efforts and the devotion of the first missionaries and national messiahs.*



I went to the Cheongpyeong forty-day workshop for national messiahship together with another brother from the city where I was the city leader. I had had many experiences over the years, and I had a spiritual vision when I joined that led me to think that my ultimate destiny was Nigeria. However, the brother from my city confided to me before going to Korea that he would find it extremely hard to accept a Muslim country if one came up. At that point, I had a fleeting sense in my heart that I would have to be “sacrificing” Africa in some way. At the lottery in Cheongpyeong, I received my country, which is in the Middle East, and that brother got Nigeria. I could feel the hand of God at work.

Other experiences convinced me that the country I received was one that figured in my destiny. A professor from the seminary had been visiting the city where I lived just before the forty days in Korea, and when he heard about the national messiah providence, he advised me that with all due respect for Muslims, living in a strict Muslim country would not be easy! In addition, my father worked all his life in the oil business but had constantly refused work in that part of the world. My grandfather, however, had served in the Middle East during the First World War. In fact the only photograph I have of him is on a camel in the desert.

### Getting past the gate

Despite my country being extraordinarily difficult to enter, because of my education and work background I was able to find employment there quite quickly. My wife was five months pregnant with our third child, but the job was single status. Yet we both felt it was important that I go since the other national messiahs at that time could not enter.

I was going from quite an active church life to a place where I would be working and living together with people with whom even just talking about religion in general could be very risky. Risky in the sense that if you were heard by a colleague saying something that could be construed as critical of Islam or

intended to convert Muslims to another faith, you could be deported that same day—if you were lucky—as actually happened to some people I knew while I was there. If you were unlucky you would face interrogation from the religious police before they deported you.

### Environmental dangers

Among Western expatriates in general, there could be a lot of tension and a lot of backstabbing, since getting someone else in trouble could make your own job more secure. The attitudes of westerners towards my mission country were generally somewhat disparaging due to the strict way they interpret and enforce Islam there. Indeed, at the dinner table one day a colleague came out with the extraordinary statement that surely being in the Moonies could not be worse than being here! This stunned me; I struggled not to react too overtly—but it was a clear sign that the spirit world was active around me.

My first forty days were ones of adjustment to this new kind of life in a place that is sometimes called the largest open prison in the world, because on arrival your passport is taken away and permission to travel abroad outside contractual holidays is restricted. My work brought me into direct contact with many young people every day, and while this was very enlightening in helping me to understand their society, it was enormously stressful since they always wanted to get involved in religious, political or moral discussions that were not allowed within the work environment. Part of this is genuine curiosity about the West and Christianity, and part is simple youthful exuberance in the baiting of a westerner to get him into trouble.

### Worries about home

At the end of the forty days, I had a dream that led me to be very worried about my wife. Arriving at work, I was so distracted that I walked into a wall and cut open my forehead. While I was getting my head patched up, a message came that my wife had been rushed to a hospital with life-threatening high blood pressure, had had an emer-

gency cesarean birth two months prematurely and was quite ill. I asked for permission to return to my home country for a few days to help out, but the company was reluctant to give me permission. They had had the experience quite often in the past of people who had realized early on that here was not the place they wanted to be and had simply not returned using a contrived emergency leave.

Eventually I got permission and flew home for a few days. I will never forget the amazement of my colleagues when I returned as promised. Perhaps this was one of the reasons why, among all the expatriates who started around the time I went, I was the only one to get a name plaque with my name in both English and Arabic. I felt this was a small recognition from the spirit world of a forty-day foundation successfully laid. In a lonely environment like mine, small events like this can be very moving and inspire confidence that we are indeed working with unseen helpers.

So, instead of the weekly battle to prepare the Sunday sermon, prepare lectures and counsel members, my life centered around desperately trying to have a good attitude toward my colleagues, responding with some positive words whenever their country was criticized, and serving others as best I could. For example, even though I was a company designated driver, I tried not to hoard the car, as many of those designated a car did. Rather, I made myself available for trips at inconvenient times to the supermarket or for longer trips through the desert to local towns.

### A greater burden on women

Working in such a country can take its toll on the whole family. Wives are generally unwilling to move there owing to the restrictions placed on them while there. (In public, even western women should be covered from the neck down in a black robe, though some—American women in particular—tended to feel secure enough to flout this in some areas. The native women, in addition to this, must also have their face veiled.) Fiancées or girlfriends will



not get an entry visa. Women cannot drive. Moreover, if a woman is in the company of a male who is not her close relative, without the presence of her husband, it can be very awkward if the religious police should do a spot check. Indeed, my wife joined me for a short period, and she stayed in my room in a house that I shared with three other men. I realized only afterwards that if the religious police had seen her entering or leaving the house she would have been open to immorality charges and I would have been deported. So, many western men are divorced and those with fiancée or girlfriends at some point find themselves facing the dilemma of continuing to have well-paid work and lose the relationship or return home without job prospects and perhaps keep the relationship going. Of the twenty or so westerners where I was, only three of us had intact families.

### **The blessing in this environment**

At the time of the 1997 Blessing Ceremony, I did a seven-day fast and confided in one other colleague that I was doing it. He was doubtful I would survive it; each morning he would ask ever more concerned how it was going. This was a man who used expletives every third word. At the end of the fast his reaction was obvious amazement (mixed with swear words). I never thought I would be grateful to hear expletives expressed towards something I was doing for the church! Another colleague in the house had a cynical opinion about everything. I was a little worried about his reaction to seeing the Blessing Ceremony on television as problems seemed to come to anyone who said something bad about me or the Unification Church (the one who compared our church to my mission country, for example, was sent home after forty days when it transpired that he had so upset some of his colleagues that his safety could not be guaranteed). However, miraculously, as soon as the report of the Blessing Ceremony came on TV, he went quiet and while I was praying he would not say anything too bad. He stayed silent for three minutes and after

the report carried on with the conversation we were having before the TV report had aired. I liked this man a lot and was happy that he had been protected from possible heavenly retribution.

My mission country bans alcohol and customs and police roadblocks and patrols are unforgiving. So, at this point I should mention the dedication of the only blessed couple in the country, who were there for work and lived in another province, but who volunteered to bring some holy wine into the country among their baby possessions. This entailed not an inconsiderable risk, given that there are dogs specially trained to smell the smallest amount of alcohol. I transported the seed wine through two police roadblocks and eventually made holy juice.

To give some significance to the distribution, I tried to gear the conversation on each occasion to talk about family life and ideals in some way. Given that it is a male-dominated society, for a man to offer another a drink in a work environment is very unusual and inviting men back to your room can create all kinds of problems, so the seemingly simple task of giving out some holy grape juice was fraught with difficulties. However, a colleague whom I had been avoiding contact with due to his volatile nature, saw the bottle of grape juice and actually asked if he could have some. Afterwards, he said it was very good.

### **A sources of great tension**

Some of the more zealous younger citizens are very keen on witnessing to you so you need to be adept at having a basic dialogue but not let things go too far. At some point you may be confronted with a demand for an explanation as to why you cannot simply convert to Islam, the true religion. Once when I was the only Westerner traveling internally on my country's airline, an immensely tall sheikh, a Sean Connery look-alike, started to give a sermon in English about the benefits of Islam.

I was getting very worried because I felt at some point he might address me directly. As I was praying how to handle this,

someone else interrupted and said that one should recite and speak of the Koran only in Arabic, not in English. The speaker duly obliged and continued in Arabic, somewhat defusing the situation—and then, amazingly, the person next to him became spiritually possessed so he had to sit down to take care of the man who was probably a relative!

I gave out the holy wine by carrying the seed bottle with me even up until I left the country the last time. However, at the airport I had forgotten that I had it in my coat pocket and when I was heading towards the security check I heard a voice telling me to get rid of the bottle quickly. After disposing of the bottle, going through the security check I was asked to remove my coat and it was thoroughly checked.

### **Dealing with reluctance**

I will be going back to my country again very soon, a place that is magical for me in many ways—not least because (like other national messiahs) I feel the trust Heavenly Father and True Parents have that we will represent them, even if only in some small and seemingly unseen way as is my case. Much of my church life has been pioneer work, so while I have great hope that even my country can welcome True Parents substantially, I also understand that this may not be until some distant time.

To be honest I have mixed emotions, because I am almost completely cut off from other members and from my family until they join me in the months ahead. My opportunities to attend True Parents directly at holy days, in Jardim, or for True Parents' birthday, for example, are almost non-existent. I had visited countries under communist rule and knew some of our members in those countries. My present mission has opened up an appreciation of that aspect of our church history, as I feel I can understand a little more of what some of our underground missionaries went through for a much, much longer period. 

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# Reimagining Social Justice from a Headwing Perspective

By David Eaton

In the aftermath of the tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer, the United States has experienced societal convulsions not seen since perhaps the social unrest of the 1960s. A spate of protests—violent and non-violent—have caused great distress in many American cities. This crisis has highlighted several significant socio-political issues including racial inequality, police brutality, poverty, family breakdown and the role of political and spiritual leaders in ameliorating many of the antagonisms that for far too long have plagued the nation and have not been satisfactorily addressed.

Needless to say there have been many opinions offered to explain the conditions that led to George Floyd's death, as well as possible solutions for the various injustices and persecution that the black community in America has experienced going back hundreds of years. In recent decades there has been a plethora of issues that social justice activists have attempted to identify and remedy, including racism, religious intolerance, gender inequality, economic fairness and most recently, policing. The questions as to what might



be the best solutions to these problems can only be answered when the proper diagnosis of the root cause is identified. Just as a physician can only prescribe the proper medication to remedy a physical malady after diagnosing the actual cause, politicians, clergy and various social activists must understand the causal dimension of problems before an effective cure can be recommended and administered.



## Social Justice

A fact that might not be well known is that the term "social justice" has religious origins. In their co-authored book, *Social Justice Isn't What You Think It Is*, Michael Novak and Paul Adams, who are Roman Catholic, cite the origins of the term and examine how the concept of "social justice" and its implementation have evolved. The term "social justice" was coined in the nineteenth century by an Italian priest,



*Top and bottom:* Herbert Croly, an influential liberal thinker and writer and Richard Ely, an economist and (with Croly) a founder of the *New Republic* magazine in 1914, which still exists today. *Middle:* Father Luigi Taparelli d'Azeglio (1793–1862), an Italian Jesuit priest who coined the term "social justice" and worked to achieve it.





Dr. Eaton joined the church in 1974. He is likely best known as the conductor and music director of the New York City Symphony, which he has been since 1985.

Father Luigi Taparelli d'Azeglio, who asserted that it was important to make a distinction between legal justice as implemented by the State, and social justice—remedying relational conflicts without State intrusion. As such, the idea of “social justice” has long been part of the social creed of the Roman Catholic Church and several popes have weighed in on the issue via papal encyclicals. For Taparelli, the intermediary institutions that have existed as buffers between the State and individuals—families, churches, etc.—needed to be free from State control or coercion. Father Taparelli’s distinction is important. Keeping “the state” at bay was essential to protect the autonomy and spiritual authority of the Church. Taparelli was highly suspect of Jean-Jacques Rousseau’s views regarding the State as the primary arbiter of justice, thus his concept of “social justice” was in essence a mitigating factor in protecting the various societal organizations within the larger public sphere; especially religious entities.

Herbert Croly, considered to be the father of modern liberalism, and Richard Ely, who along with Croly founded *the New Republic*, were both of the mindset that “rugged individualism” and the nineteenth-century notion of “the American Dream” were outdated and a new social paradigm needed to be explored. Their new American vision was rooted in what became known as “Christian Socialism,” whereby government could act as the great equalizer as well as being the cure for the “sinful and cruel” aspects of laissez-faire economics. As Ely explained: “God works through the State in carrying out His purposes more universally than any other institution...it is religious

in essence...a mighty force in furthering God’s kingdom and establishing righteous relations.” For some, this seems like a noble and necessary endeavor; to others it’s a violation of the separation of Church and State, or worse—the invitation of government interference and overreach with the sanction of the Almighty.

Regrettably, Croly’s and Ely’s brand of liberalism has morphed into a decidedly anti-religious mode of progressivism that now threatens religious liberty—not to mention free speech and freedom of peaceful assembly—in ways that were hardly imaginable a few short decades ago. Civil liberties and possessing the right to choose is being encroached upon with increasing regularity by those who seem unconcerned about the founding principles of the United States in their pursuit of an imagined utopia that can only be realized through State control and government resources. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and F. A. Hayek both warned of State control via “extreme legal frames” being implemented in the name of egalitarian concerns and social justice.

As Yuval Levin notes in his recent book, *The Fractured Republic: Renewing America’s Social Contract in the Age of Individualism*, there exists an alternative to “the perilous mix” of governmental centralization and hyper-individualism, and it begins “in loving family attachments.” This family-based mode of relating can “spread outward to interpersonal relationships, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces, religious communities,” and even into the work of local governments, businesses and professional affiliations. Levin posits that this modality can provide a basis for a national identity, “that among its foremost attributes is dedicated to the principle of the equality of the entire human race.” If we take the view that we are all God’s children we ought to relate to each other as if that were so. This mindset can and should be inculcated within families. In the Rally for Hope held in Korea on August 9, 2020 in which True Mother was the keynote speaker, pastor Paula White echoed Levin’s sentiments regarding God-centered families as the necessary foundation for overcoming the malevolence within the human condition, whether it be racism, greed, immorality or family breakdown. Pastor White firmly endorsed the values, virtues and vision of which True Parents have been among the most serious activists.

In Judeo-Christian cultures there exists a prevalent idea that we are meant to be co-creators with God in creating a civilized, humanitarian society. We accomplish this by making choices based on the teachings of scripture which acts as the proverbial “moral compass” in guiding us in the process of becoming moral and ethical people. In this respect Croly and Ely were correct. But as scripture reminds us (I Corinthians 6:12), though everything is permissible, not

everything is beneficial. Our choices have consequences. St. Augustine averred that people (and nations) fail because they often choose to love the wrong things.

### Headwing Solutions

Yuval Levin's reference to "loving family attachments" as a way to foster better relations in various social circumstances is in accord with True Parents' concept of ideal families being the basis for a culture of peace—the hope of all ages. In Book 10 of *Cheon Seong Gyeong* (pp. 1060–1072) we find an explanation of Headwing Thought. It's interesting to note that in the pages preceding this explanation (pp. 1042–1059), there is a detailed exegesis on the Three Blessings as described in Divine Principle. It is clear that in order for the premises of Headwing to be fully realized, individuals ought to have been successful in fulfilling the first two Blessings. Without substantially accomplishing individual God-centeredness and then creating families that engender godly values, the realization of a principled society cannot be substantiated in a meaningful fashion. All human endeavors—politics, commerce, education, the arts, journalism, science, governance, environmental issues, policing—will fall short of Heavenly Parent's ideal without the proper spiritual foundation being in place, and this begins with individuals and families living in accord with the tenets of Godism. Politics, by way of government agency, cannot solve problems that are spiritual and cultural by nature.


*Cheon Seong Gyeong*, (p. 1065) states that Headwing is predicated on Godism and the "ism" in Godism means "way of living." When applied to human endeavors such as art, education, governance, jurisprudence, etc., this can provide a basis for a moral society. Lamentably, the idea that Godism should be in our socio-cultural equation is now at odds with many social justice activists who have rejected religion and in turn have embraced secular humanist and politically-correct perspectives in their pursuit of justice. In fact, during the post-World War II era there has been a calculated evisceration of religious belief and the dissolution of the family structure by certain activists, journalists, artists and those in academe who contend that Marxism, postmodernism and politically-correct governmental strictures are the more efficacious modalities for attaining social betterment. Because various iterations of social justice are now aligned with postmodernist and neo-Marxist rationales, it may be necessary to develop a CAUSA-like initiative to educate the general public as to the "fatal conceits" of these particular world views and provide a God-centered alternative.

According to True Father, Headwing is beyond globalism and is a "cosmic level ideology," (*Cheon Seong Gyeong*, p. 1069). We understand "cosmic" to

mean the reality of both the corporeal and incorporeal realms. Family Pledge (No. 5) alludes to the idea that these two realms need to be harmonized in order for human behavior to be fully in accord with Godism. Having an awareness of the spiritual realm and its effects on our being is no small matter in dealing with human proclivities—good or bad. By acknowledging the reality of the spiritual realm, especially with regard to sin—original, inherited, collective, individual—and understanding the ways by which we can eradicate sin and its manifestations, we can begin to arrive at effective solutions. No matter how well-intentioned social justice activists, politicians, law-enforcement agencies or the general public may be, not acknowledging that the spiritual dimension actually exists is a form of blindness that prohibits our achieving an improved socio-cultural condition.

In his advocacy of non-violent solutions for peace and justice, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. often invoked the narrative of "the moral arc of the universe bending towards justice." However, for that to happen people must take responsibility to align with the tenets of the Three Blessings and Godism and behave accordingly. Because we all have our portions of responsibility in matters of citizenship, family relations and with our extended communities, we can't expect that the "moral arc of the universe" will automatically bend toward justice without godly virtues and values being practiced in a forthright manner.

Whether the issue is racial injustice, criminal justice reform, police brutality, economic equality or family breakdown, there needs to be an educational mode by which we, as disciples of True Parents, can edify the public (our brothers and sisters) about the necessity of Godism being in the socio-cultural equation. Though justice is important, True Parents always emphasized love rather than justice as the path to peace. If, in fact, "peace starts with me," then as members of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community we must walk the walk with True Mother and become those who both teach and practice the tenets of Headwing and Godism, for in so doing we can become filial sons and daughters and the injustices that have befallen so many of our brothers and sisters can finally be cured.

Confucius once queried, "Filial piety and submission to fraternal love; are they not the root of all benevolent actions?" Whether it's the oriental wisdom of Confucius, or the teachings of Jesus and True Parents, we can only arrive at true justice when we arrive at true love based on Godism—and that begins with individuals uniting with their Heavenly Parent and then developing "loving family attachments." When that happens on a grand scale we will finally achieve the justice and equity that we desire for all of Heavenly Parent's children. 

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