

WestRock Family News

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Motto for *the 3rd year of the Heavenly Calendar*:

Era of the Victory, Liberation, and Completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind

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Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters

This Sunday I had the opportunity to speak to our members at Sunday service in Barrytown. I want to give special thanks to Rev Gavin Hamnett who, with the support of his wife Cindy, has been investing and caring for our members there.

I don't know if you have heard, but our American church has been asked to choose 87 members to receive the "True Parents' Award." When True Mother spoke after True Father's Seonghwa she mentioned that she wanted members to work hard and that those who set the highest example would be given this award.

This has made me reflect on our members. We have some amazing brothers and sisters in our church communities. Many of you have been through numerous high points and low points in your life course. Related to that, there is one bit of wisdom I want to emphasize – we need to recognize that there are things I can change and there are things I cannot change. And it is usually the case that the things I can change are the problems that are within myself, and the things I cannot change are the problems in others. And so, do not let your anger or disappointment in others prevent you from pursuing the path that God has for you to walk. If we each seek God's guidance as to how we can improve ourselves – as we lift ourselves up – we will find that those who are close to us are also lifted up.

About the "True Parents Award," this Sunday at church you will be given the opportunity to nominate 5 people to receive this award. The guidelines that were given by Dr. Michael Balcomb are:

International Headquarters has already indicated that candidates should be exemplary members with outstanding accomplishments in the key areas of evangelism and witnessing, including bringing spiritual children; raising blessed children to receive the Blessing; liberation of ancestors; tithing and other donations; church service attendance; distribution of autobiographies, and more.

To this important list I would like to add other, less tangible elements of faith and commitment for your consideration. These can include, but are not limited to, things such as voluntary service in and outside the church; voluntary participation in councils and other church bodies; teaching the Divine Principle, leading prayer services, and other religious practices; Sunday School teaching and other methods of discipleship and stewardship.

You may also consider nominating those who have cheerfully overcome significant challenges, such as losing a partner through death or divorce; raising children alone; or even the loss of a child, yet managed to maintain their faith and commitment to the work of God and True Parents. I also want to encourage the recommendation of younger members, and the second generation, and others who have made a great commitment to God's work here in America.

In all of the above areas, I suggest giving heavier weight to current and recent efforts, rather than those achieved long ago.

Please prayerfully consider which 5 people you would like have represent America from the NY District.

Thank you, and God Bless You,
Andrew Compton

Sermon

Debby Gullery gave an inspiring sermon at WestRock – that fits well with Hyung Jin Nim and Yeon Ah Nim’s sermon from last Sunday. It was recorded in 2 parts – the links are below

<https://soundcloud.com/pastor-andrew/sermon-jan-13-d-gullery-a>

<https://soundcloud.com/pastor-andrew/sermon-jan-13-d-gullery-b>

Light Thought for the Day

Elderly Driver

I was sitting on my lawn sunning myself and reading when I was startled by a fairly late model car that crashed through my hedge and came to rest just in front of me. I helped the elderly driver out of the car and sat her down on a lawn chair.

I noted, "It's quite remarkable that you are still driving at your age."

"Yes," she replied. "I'm old enough that I don't need a license any more."

"How is that possible?"

"The last time my doctor examined me, he asked if I had a driver's license. I told him yes and handed it to him. He took scissors out of a drawer, and as he cut the license into pieces he said, 'You won't be needing this any more.' So I thanked him and drove home."

Providential News

- True Mother is in Korea
 - **True God’s Day will be on Sunday Feb 10**
 - 40 Days until Foundation Day; 13th Day of the First Month of the 3rd year of the Heavenly Calendar (which will be Feb 22 on the solar calendar) – We will celebrate simultaneously on Thursday night, Feb. 21
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Quote for the Week

“There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self.”

— Ernest Hemingway

WestRock Council

Chairperson – Matthew Strater

Vice-Chair – Rob Kitchens

Secretary – Grace Selover

Treasurer – Danso Sawamukai

Committee Assignments (so far):

Youth and Education – Toby Gullery

Care Team – Grace Selover

Finance – Danso Sawamukai

Outreach – Tokiko Stewart

Small Groups – Jim Stinard

Sunday Service – Rob Kitchens

24+ – Danso Sawamukai and Grace Selover

Peter Reiner is now on the council, replacing Mary Hida

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 7:30 pm at the White House.

Announcements

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Outreach

True Father's Autobiography- please continue to do your best to distribute True Father's Autobiography

Korean Cultural Program: Will be held at the Jewish Community Center in Tarrytown, (371 S Broadway, Tarrytown) Saturday, January 19 from 6:30 pm. Great food and Presentations on the Korean Culture. Bring your friends and guests.

WFWP USA Presents: *Spirituality - Healing - Service "HerStory" Seminar* .

Based on the Original Substance of the Divine Principle

This seminar is for women leaders, mothers, daughters, sisters and young women (18 and up), and any supporting gentlemen are highly welcome!

Saturday, January 19, 2013 9am to 4pm

4 West 43rd Street New York, NY 10036

Registration: \$15.00 per person (light Breakfast & Lunch incl.)

Community

Foundation Day Registration: All members need to register for Foundation Day – on line, <http://foundationday.unification.org/> If you need help, please ask a friend or contact your local pastor.

Foundation Day Donation: The \$130 offering can be made through your local pastor, or send it to the Dist office: NY District - Attention Shizuko, 4 W 43rd St. room 311, New York City, NY, 10036. Make checks payable to HSA-UWC (add note, Foundation Day Offering)

Scholarship Fund: If you are not going to Korea for Foundation Day, please consider making an extra donation (beyond the \$130) to help fund couples who are going to Korea. Send donations to NY District - Attention Shizuko, 4 W 43rd St. room 311, New York City, NY, 10036. Make checks payable to HSA-UWC (add note, Scholarship Fund, Found Day)

Last Week's Sermon: Hyung Jin Nim's sermon accessible at the bottom of the Home page of the "Members" section of the Unification News website (log in is necessary):

<http://www.familyfed.org/members/>

Other

Looking for a part-time baby-sitter in Irvington: if anyone is interested, please contact Mishiko Kumagai at 201-704-0538.

For Sale: Buick LeSabre Limited, is ready to leave home and move on to a new owner. With a sad heart we are selling it for **\$1,000 or nearest offer**. Details:

- **2000 Buick LeSabre Limited**
- Silver color 4-door sedan with light grey interior
- Very high trimline - leather seats throughout, all gadgets electric, most still work.
- Has been well looked after, regularly serviced, and still looks gorgeous - see attached pictures
- Title free and clear - no lienholders
- NY State inspection expires March 2013
- Mileage - 129,000
- Current registration expires end of January, **SO WILL SELL BY JANUARY 28th NO MATTER WHAT**

- Currently located in Nyack , NY 10960

Known problems -

- Shakes a little when driving over 50 mph or going up a steep hill (don't know if it's engine, transmission, or just wheel balancing)
- Spare tire - donut - needs to be replaced
- Possible leak at manifold - in cold weather occasional smell of gas/fumes, so need to open window
- Driver seat warmer no longer works
- Radio occasionally flips

If interested, reply by e-mail or call Will at 845-353-4655

Prayer

(if you have someone you would like the District to pray for, please send me the information)

Prayer

WestRock Prayer by Conference Call- Sunday 8 to 8:20 am Phone Number: 712-432-1699, Access Code: 736416# All are welcome.

Prayer Continues for Jiau-Lan Weinstein, she is still fighting to overcome cancer.

We ask that you keep the UTS Director of Admissions and DMin. Administrative Assistant and Faculty Secretary - Davetta - in your prayers. Her husband, Teak Holder, passed away early Monday morning.

Next Ahn Shi II: Tuesday, January 22, 2013

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!