

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,

Greetings! And Congratulations to all our newlyweds! The ceremony on Saturday at “The Grove” was beautiful. (When I find out all the names of those from WestRock who were blessed I will let you know). Lydia and I had the special honor of conducting the Holy Wine ceremony for the 1st generation couples. All together there were about 54 couples. Seeing them with so much excitement and hope in their eyes was incredibly beautiful and inspiring.

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My wife and I took this Sunday to visit our church in Syracuse (Jim and Grace Davin) and in Ithica (Chad and Ann Hoover). I am so impressed by those members who have consistently invested their hearts and minds over the years – often without receiving much recognition. They do it because they love God (our Heavenly Parent), they love our True Parents, and they love each other. God Bless all of them.

As you know this Thursday will be the big event – Foundation Day. For Metro New York and WestRock we will be at the Double Tree Hotel in Tarrytown. There will also be ceremonies held in Barrytown, in Albany, and in Ithica.

At the Double Tree we will begin at 7:00 pm (although the connection with Korea will start at 8:00 pm). I am sorry that I will not be here. We had planned for all the District Pastors to stay in America to invest here in the local programs, but just a few days ago True Mother asked that we come to Korea. In my place Noah and Kathy Ross, (Noah is our NY Council Chairperson), will be leading the ceremony. Also Bishop Jesse and Tanya Edwards will be here to help with the pre-program.

All I would like to say – is let’s attend this day with a heart of gratitude and resolution – based on our having received the forgiveness and cleansing of the Holy Wine. And let’s stand together, united with one heart, centered on our True Parents – and with them conclude the previous era and move forward into the new era with renewed hearts and with the strength and courage of true love, as the children of our Heavenly Parent.

God Bless You!
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Sermon

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Light Thoughts for the Day

Healthy Place?

At the urging of his doctor, Bill moved to Texas.

After settling in, he met a neighbor who was also an older man.

"Say, is this really a healthy place?"

"It sure is," the man replied. "When I first arrived here I couldn't say one word. I had hardly any hair on my head. I didn't have the strength to walk across a room and I had to be lifted out of bed."

"That's wonderful!" said Bill. "How long have you been here?"

"I was born here."

Testimonies/reports

If you have a testimony or report to share please send it to me. The one below is from Rev Tom Corley, our pastor in Long Island.

Providential News

- True Mother is in Korea
- Foundation Day Blessing will take place Feb 21 beginning at 7:00 pm

Locations:

Double Tree Hotel, 455 S Broadway, Tarrytown NY

UTS at Barrytown

Albany Church Center: 107 Whitehall Rd, Albany, NY

Ithica (for information contact Chad and Ann – 607220-6868)

- 2 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

Revelations 19:6-9

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Hallelujah: for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth. Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and let us give the glory unto him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright [and] pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they that are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are true words of God.

Announcements

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Outreach

True Father's Autobiography- We have now reached 10,180 in WestRock! please continue to do your best to distribute True Father's Autobiography

OSDP/Bible Study – at the White House, the next study will be Monday, Feb. 25 @ 7:30 pm

WFWP is holding a UN event Monday, March 4 @ 10:30 am. The title is: Women Standing Up to Violence. Contact person: Merly Barlaan For more information contact Mrs. Sugiyama

Next Sunday, Feb 24 will be a Special Bring-A-Guest Sunday. Organized by Noah Ross and Jonathan Gullery. Invite a friend or neighbor!

Community

Foundation Day Registration: All members need to register for Foundation Day – on line, <http://foundationday.unification.org/> If you need help, please contact Toby Gullery or Rev Compton. We will connect you with someone who can help you.

Foundation Day Blessing: will take place in Albany, UTS (Barrytown), in Ithica (for info contact Ann Hoover) and in Tarrytown at the Double Tree Hotel (455 S Broadway, Tarrytown

NY).

We are expecting the transmission from Korea to begin at 8 pm. We will start our pre-program at 7:00 pm.

When you arrive - you will need to first go to the registration table to get your name checked off on our list of registered members. If you did not register – we will have forms you can fill out.

We are asking each person (attending in Tarrytown) to offer a donation of \$10 per person (or \$50 per family) to help cover the cost of the hotel.

Dress code: Woman in white. Men in dark suits with red tie. Children dressed as nicely as possible (girls in light colored dress, boys in dark pants and white shirt)

Buses will be coming up from the city (for more information contact pastor Andrew Love

If you miss the Foundation Day Event – we are planning to show the event a second time the following Sunday after church service – at Belvedere and at 43rd Street and at other local churches (check with your local pastor).

Congratulations to the Newly Blessed Couples: Last night about 54 couples were blessed – in conjunction with the Cosmic Blessing in Korea. A number of couples were from WestRock (when we get the names of all the spouses we will share them with you next week)

Holy Wine Ceremony in preparation for Foundation Day: will take place after service today. Please see Rev Grodner. There will also be a Holy Wine ceremony at Belvedere on Wed. Feb 20 at 8:00 pm.

Prayer

WestRock Prayer by Conference Call- Sunday 7:45 to 8:15 am All are welcome.

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

Please pray for Laura Nabetani – she is fighting a number of ailments – beginning with her heart and lungs - and her health has not been improving.

Next Ahn Shi II: Friday, February 15, 2013

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!