

WestRock Family News

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Motto of the year:

Let us become true owners of Cheon il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!

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Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings!

It is good to have True Mother in America – let's all pray that her visit goes well.

This Sunday at Belvedere my sermon was on our relationship with our community (I will send out the link later). The key point – is that we are all called to give beyond our family – and in so doing we guarantee the future of our family.

After the service we presented the Cheon Il Guk award to several members, including those who were chosen by True Mother for their service at East Garden and Belvedere. I believe they are the ones who have been least appreciated by our movement – and yet they were always expected to give the most, being that they were so close to True Parents.

I am sure you have heard that the darkest place is under the lamp stand. I feel that we need to give a big THANK YOU! to these brothers and sisters.

They include Ian and Helen Alexander, Ken and Sang Moon Borneman, Raymundo and Chono Cobo, Jack and Hwa Ja La Valley, Hamako and Shigemi (in the spirit world) Miyake, William and Yujie Ortega, Mike and Nobuko Quinn, Katsuya and Cynthia Shibuya, Robert and Ann Smart, and Koji and Yiru Sugihara. Those who received the award representing WestRock were Athia Shibuya and David and Julia Okamoto.

Congratulations to you all! Thank you for your years of sacrifice – putting the public mission ahead of your personal needs.

As part of this week's sermon on community – I encouraged everyone to make an intentional effort to connect with your small group, or, if you don't belong to a small group, to invite one other member or couple to share a meal with you.

Along with that, I would like to invite everyone to focus some part of your weekly discussion with each other – on the sermon of the previous Sunday. To get this started, below are some readings and discussion questions for you. (This is not mandatory of course).

Topic: My Relationship with my Community

Reading: "World Scripture and the Teachings of Sun Myung Moon"
Pg 700 – 702, 1030-1032, 1033-1034

Where to find a Pdf file:

<http://www.tparents.org/Library/Unification/Books/World-S2.pdf>

Discussion Points:

How do we benefit – when we care of others outside of our family?

It is not easy to create sense of unity even in a family – where the difference between each sibling can be enormous.

What are some of the biggest obstacles to creating a unified community of faith?
How do you think we can deal with those obstacles?

3) How is mind and body unity connected – to realizing a unified community of faith?

One good aspect of this – is that any guest who may attend our Sunday service – would automatically feel comfortable to join in the discussion (since they also heard the sermon).

Finally, just to let you all know – I will be visiting my parents in California this coming week. I will be back on March 19. I will have my cell phone with me – so if there is an emergency, please call.

Let's make it a great week
God Bless You
Andrew Compton

Sermon

The sermon, given at Belvedere was given by Andrew Compton. It will be on line soon.

Light Thought for the Day:

Family Relationship

I ran short of money while visiting my brother, and borrowed \$50 from him.

After my return home, I wrote him a short letter every few weeks, enclosing a \$5 check in each one. He called me up and told me how much he enjoyed the letters, regardless of the money; I had never written regularly before.

Eventually I sent off a letter and the last five-dollar check.

In my mail box the next week I found an envelope from my brother. Inside was another \$50.

Testimonies/reports

If you have a testimony or report to share please send it to me.

Providential News

True Mother is in Las Vegas. I heard she is looking for a CARP leader for Las Vegas (do you know anyone who would be interested?)

The 20-20 Providence has begun! WestRock and Upstate have been paired with the Solomon Islands and Italy. Metro NY and Long Is have been paired with Nepal and Israel.

Quote for the Week:

Ephesians 4: 31-32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Announcements

Outreach

Japanese Cultural Program: Saturday, March 29, 11 am – 2 pm. At the JCC 371 S Broadway, Tarrytown, NY. Invite your friends to get a taste of the Japanese food and culture. \$10 donation is requested.

On Friday, March 28.2014 at the White House at **7:00pm WFWP, "Supporting our Military Families"** will be presented by Ms. Kay Adams, Clinical Social Worker and military family life counselor and consultant with years experience in Family Advocacy supporting service men and women and their families in the US Army and US Air Force
Bring guests to this interesting presentation. We probably could all learn something about our own families and handling of stress.

1-Day DP Workshop. Saturday, March 22 at the White House. 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
DP Study & Discussion at the White House: Monday March 10, 7 PM.

Community

March 31 is **True Parents Day**.

WestRock Council Meeting: Saturday, March 29, @ 9 am

The Energize Couples Retreat Energize: Get Away to Refresh, Recharge and Reconnect
Save the Date! Friday, May 2 - Sunday, May 4, 2014
Through the generosity of private Unificationist donors, **this three day, two night retreat is only \$249!** (The actual value is \$850.) But couples must register by March 25 for that Early Bird rate. See the flyer and **Blessed Marriage Project** on Facebook for more information, and get updates by contacting us.

Other

New married couple looking to rent their first place together. Responsible, reliable tenants with excellent credit. Husband graduated from Cornell University and is working as an engineer in Pleasantville, NY. Wife is majoring in Economics and Finance at Columbia University.
Location: NY, North of Yonkers and South of I-87 (Mt. Vernon, Hastings, etc.). Image attached.
\$1100 or less/month 1 Bedroom with kitchen, bath, etc.
No broker fee Laundry facilities Lease Term: 1-year

Prayer

Laura Nabetani – she is out of the ICU, but still in the White Plains hospital.

Jiau-Lan Weinstein – she continues her fight with lung cancer

Next Ahn Shi II: Friday, March 14, 2014

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!