

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!

I pray you are well. Did you see the ABC Nightline Prime program on church blessing? I thought it was great, not perfect, but compared to the way the media has presented us in the past – things are really getting better for us. If you saw it and if you have a comment – please send it to me.

If you missed it here is the link:

Nightline Program Part 1

abcnews.go.com/Nightline/video/young-unification-church-members-prepare-arranged-marriages-23309522

Nightline Program Part 2

abcnews.go.com/Nightline/video/unification-church-mass-wedding-big-day-23309628

Also, it is important for all members to view True Mother's message in Hawaii. Here is the link for that:

www.unification.org/video/2014-03-31/TMs_speech_on_TPsdav.wmv

In this week's news letter I would like to talk about increasing the membership of our church.

There are several crucial ingredients that are needed in order to gain members. I would like to mention 4 of them

1) **Internal Conditions**

We need the support of heaven. (True Father said that 40% of success in witnessing comes from spiritual support) The condition I would recommend is daily hoondokae. Reading True Father's words, combined with reflection, discussion, and prayer, puts us directly in line with our True Father's heart and will.

2) **Engage with people:**

We need to meet people and convey to them the basic vision of our True Parents. This could be done in friendly conversation, or if that is hard for you, we are committed to providing an event each month (such as the Japanese cultural event in March) to which you can easily invite guests – and where they will hear a inspiring introduction to the vision of Father and Mother Moon.

3) **Consistent personal care and love for our guests.**

This used to happen through 7-Day, 21-Day, and 40-Day seminars. Now that needs to happen through **Small Groups**:

Small groups are needed (for more details on this please view Rev Kazakos' video at: youtu.be/10gnKxHKZQ0)

I want to ask all existing small groups to consider, for a trial period, taking this approach

- Small groups can be based on friends, neighbors, or a common interest or hobby.
- Meet once a week (frequency is important)
- Include:
 - prayer,
 - social time (food and sharing)
 - short hoondokae (World Scripture 2nd edition is recommended, or readings and discussion points from the Sunday sermon),
 - **weekly personal goal setting (and reporting)**
 - invite guests

Especially important is the **setting and sharing of personal goals**. When we have experiences with God (which happens when we challenge ourselves to do things that will make us better people) – the excitement comes to want to share that with others.

4) **Teach DP and basic internal guidance**, that will lead new guests on the path to the Blessing and to become an owner of Cheon Il Guk (God's ideal).

One possible way is through one-on-one DP study (described in Rev Kazakos' video). Another option is to bring guests to the White House for a 1-Day DP seminar (offered every month) – and the Monday evening ongoing DP study sessions.

Along with this – we need some simple, clear, and attractive materials. This is something HQ is trying to provide and that we can work on improving.

Our goal is to double our membership by 2017. We can do it if we are willing to make changes and invest ourselves. It begins with me.

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

Sermon

The sermon, given at Belvedere was given by Andrew Compton. The title was, "Why We Need True Parents" If you missed it, or would like to see it again, here is the link (it is divided into two videos)

vimeo.com/92017519

vimeo.com/91921250

Light Thought for the Day:

Adult Education

After being retired for a couple of years and completing all the jobs my wife had lined up for me, I began to feel somewhat useless and decided to enroll in a couple of courses at the local adult-education school.

I noted, upon registration, that there was no tuition fee for a person over 65.

As I handed my tediously-filled-out papers to the clerk, I announced, "I'm 68." Then, pulling out my wallet, I asked if she wanted to see my driver's license.

She replied, "No, that's okay."

A little surprised, I asked, "Oh, do I look honest?"

"No," she answered. "You look 68."

Testimonies/reports

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

Providential News

True Mother is in Korea.

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:

Let parents bequeath to their children not riches, but the spirit of reverence.

Plato

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Outreach

1-Day DP Workshop. Saturday, April 26 at the White House. 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
DP Study & Discussion at the White House: Mondays @ 7:30 PM.

Community

Community Meeting: Next Sunday, April 13, all members are invited to stay after service for a simple lunch and a community meeting – with a short report and opportunity for discussion and Q & A.. At this meeting Rev Compton will be sharing a short video and report concerning outreach success stories

Sunday School Yard Sale: We will be having a yearly Tag Sale for our Sunday School on **April 27th**, right after the Sunday Service at Belvedere. It is a big event for our Sunday School, and we would deeply appreciate your warm support. PLEASE bring your donation items to Belvedere in the morning of April 27th. We need your loving support and kind participation. Thank you !!

It's time to get ready for ...

Spring Tag Sale at the White House!!! To be held...
Friday, May 2 through Sunday, May 4 from 8am to 7pm.

(Each vendor can decide how many days or hours he/she wants to sell during this time).

Please send an e-mail or text to Lydia Compton by April 27 to reserve your site. Sites are free. Tables 4' and 6' are available first come first serve. \$4. for small tables, \$6. for large tables.

The 2014 Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament is Here!

We are happy to announce the 2014 **Fishing Tournament** held in honor of True Parents' 54th Holy Wedding Anniversary, May 3 ~ May 16, 2014. Fishing will take place on the Hudson River and adjacent bays in NY and NJ area. We welcome individuals and groups from churches, clubs and businesses; bring your family and friends! **Register** for the tournament and fish on your own, or join us on an Ocean Church vessel. We can accommodate 14 anglers each weekday, and more on the weekends.

Tournament Dates: May 3 Morning ~ May 16 Midnight

Designated Fishing Area: From Half Moon Bay on the Hudson near Croton, NY to the New York lower bay including Raritan Bay

Entry Fee: \$40 per participant, including children. Participants can fish as often as they want during the tournament period with the one-time fee.

Other

I have a small dog, pikannees. i love him very much but i have to find home for him because, i am moving. Hyo jong.

Peter and I would like to give away a few items to anyone who can come and get them from our home in Pawling. I have some pictures attached.

The items are:

IKEA bunkbed (no mattresses)

IKEA twinbed (mattress included if they want it)

2 Wooden rolling desk chairs. The seats need to be attached more securely to the wheel bases, but if someone is handy they are both nice.

A wooden painted white rocking chair.

There may be other items, too, but the main challenge will be for someone to drive to Pawling with a truck or van. (Just about 50 minutes from Tarrytown).

Marybeth Ross

Prayer

Laura Nabetani – she is back in the ICU.

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

Next Ahn Shi II: Tuesday, April 15, 2014

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!