

## Celebrating Chil Il Jeol and Chil Pal Jeol at Las Vegas Family Church

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On a sunny and warm Sunday Morning on August 27, 2017, the Las Vegas Family Community gathered to celebrate two major holy days of the Unification Movement, namely the 27th Day of God's Eternal Blessing and the 21st Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth. The joint celebration which took place in the main house of Cheon Hwa Gung started at 9:00 am with the declaration of holy days, followed by the pledge service, the representative prayer by a young member, Mr. Kwasi Boakye, flowers presentation by the CARP Las Vegas leaders couple, Mr. & Mrs. Akira and Makiko Watanabe. After the cake ceremony and heartfelt songs offered by Mrs. Rachael McDaniel, Mrs. Sera Hirano, Japanese Missionaries and CARP Las Vegas, the District Pastor, Rev. Ken Doo shared on the meaning, process and significance of both Holy Days. The celebration ended with rousing cheers of Eog Mansei led by Mr. James Oberg.

Holy Day celebrations in our community always bring a tsunami of emotions and special feelings that sustain, transform and fuel our community's growth, pushing us to become trends setters and today's was no exception. The celebration took place in the main house of Cheon Hwa Gung, the same house and living room where our True Parents held countless meetings, celebrations, proclamations and poured enormous amounts of sweat and tears for Heaven and the world. Everything in the room, from the calligraphy to the carpet and minutes elements in the room remind us of the hollowness of the place. The carefully assembled altar with its variety of foods reminds us of the grace and the blessing we constantly receive from our heavenly parent.

In front of this altar, brothers and sisters, parents and children gathered in a prayerful yet cheerful postures. Together, we prayed, recited the pledge, sang, cried and laughed. A genuine spirit of peace, unity and love seemed to hover over the room, feeling our hearts with joy.

The eight stages of restoration, the painful but victorious courses that led to these special days are practical steps we can take to bring victory in our families, tribes, communities and the world.

Today, we celebrated God's eternal blessing and the realm of the Cosmic Sabbath. How special it is to celebrate our Heavenly Parent's Blessing! It is an unthinkable and an amazing grace.



The observance of these holy days today was a reminder that there is hope, that we are the hope. We are blessed to be the hope bearers.

Our community often gathers for Sunday service and other celebrations but nothing compares to the Holy Days. It is magical! I long for the next Holy Day, of these special feelings words cannot describe, of the altar and its variety of foods, of the pledge service, of the prayers, songs, of cries and laughters. I long to meet God again in this special place with all my brothers and sisters.

Thank you Heavenly Parent. Thank you True Parents!

