

This Week in History, October 26 - November 1

October 28, 2014

October 27, 2012

True Mother Addresses WFWP USA 20th Anniversary Convention



True Mother Addresses 1,200 attendees at the WFWP USA 20th Anniversary Convention. Sun Jin Moon, our current Director General for Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) International, delivered True Mother's keynote address, "Women as the Turning Point for Peace."



In her first public appearance in the United States after True Father's Seonghwa, True Mother attended the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) USA's 20th Anniversary Convention in Las Vegas. Sun Jin Moon, our current Director General for Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) International, delivered True Mother's keynote address, "Women as the Turning Point for Peace," before 1,200 attendees. In her speech, True Mother called upon those present to "carry the heavy responsibility to complete the providential mission of the 'Abel Women UN,' which is the final organization that True Father and I created together." She noted, "Until now we have depended on

government organizations created by men to bring about global peace.” However, she said, “To surmount the limitations of their efforts ... a peace movement ... guided by women should take root as the cornerstone of a new system.” After the convention True Mother announced that she would go from there to the eastern United States, visiting places where she had accompanied True Father “years ago,” exploring places on the way “where he would like to visit.”

October 28, 2006
Inaugural Peace Queen Cup Tournament



The Inaugural Peace Queen Cup Tournament.

Following the 2002 World Cup soccer tournament jointly sponsored by Korea and Japan, True Father established the Sun Moon Peace Football Foundation. It sponsored a Peace Cup invitational soccer tournament for some of the world’s best men’s club teams every two years beginning in 2003. In 2006, the foundation sponsored the first Peace Queen Cup tournament for women’s soccer teams. It was held from October 28 to November 4, 2006, in six South Korean cities. The tournament brought together national women’s teams from Brazil, Italy, Canada, Australia, Denmark, South Korea, the Netherlands and the United States. The U.S. national women’s team defeated Canada 1-0 to win the first championship.

October 28, 2008
Groundbreaking for Cheongshim Peace World Center Stadium



Cheongshim Peace World Center under Construction.

Three thousand people attended the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Cheongshim Peace World Center on October 28, 2008. Designed to hold 25,000 people, it was created to be the largest and most sophisticated multipurpose cultural center in South Korea, eight times larger than the Sejong Center for the Performing Arts and twice as large as the Olympic Gymnastics Hall, both located in Seoul. With three floors underground and four floors above, it was designed to be the first Korean arena with folding chairs, a state-of-the-art moving stage and an audiovisual system to host an array of events including concerts, business conventions, corporate events, indoor sports competitions, educational events, expositions and

television commercials. The arena would take three years to complete and addressed True Father's long-held desire to see an iconic center for global culture near Chung Pyung Lake.

October 30, 1988

6,500 Couple's Holy Marriage Blessing Unites Korean and Japanese in Marriage



The 6,500 Couple's Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony, October 30, 1988.

On October 30, 1988, True Parents blessed in marriage 6,516 couples in a Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony conducted in the complex of Ilhwa Pharmaceutical's McCool soft drink factory in Yong-in, Korea. This Marriage Blessing was significant in that it brought together some 2,500 Korean/Japanese couples. As True Father noted, "Korea and Japan have been enemies for a long time, and their animosity has never been healed. Through this matching ... emotional strains and hurt will be removed ... the fortunes of these two nations will begin to take root on earth." True Parents conducted the Marriage Blessing on the foundation of the recently completed Seoul Olympics and declaration of "The Nation of the Unified World." It was the ninth providential Marriage Blessing following True Parents' Holy Wedding and the Marriage Blessings of 3, 36, 72, 124, 430, 777, 1,800 and 8,000 couples.

October 30, 2007

WFWP Conference in North Korea

WFWP Korea had been working for some time to re-establish inter-Korean sisterhood, initiating, among other things, a "One Percent Love-offering" which encouraged people in South Korea to donate 1 percent of their income to the North. WFWP Leaders also met with their counterparts from the North on a number of occasions. Their interaction came to fruition in a WFWP convention on "Women's Leadership in Building North-South Unification and World Peace" held at the Mount Kumgang Resort in the North. Ten female leaders from Pyongyang participated in the conference in addition to 700 international delegates. There were some sensitive issues, such as use of the term "leader," as North Koreans used the word "leader" only for Kim Jong Il and preferred the designation "worker" or "laborer" for signage. They also resisted religious words such as "God" (changed to "Creator") and religious ceremonies. Nevertheless, the head of the North Korean delegation referred respectfully to True Parents' visit with Kim Il Sung sixteen years earlier, acknowledging that "They ... so love this nation and its people."