

Cheon Il Guk Leaders' Assembly 2015

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Sun Jin Moon opening the 2015 Cheon Il Guk Leaders Special Assembly

The FFWPU International Headquarters explained the background and timing for this pivotal yearly meeting with the following words: "The third Memorial of True Father's Seonghwa is a cosmically unprecedented period in history; it marks the period when the mourning ends. In the oriental tradition, when a parent suddenly ascended, the eldest son would devotedly prepare the parent's grave and set up a mourning tent west of that grave. The son would then perform the greatest act of filial piety by paying heartfelt respects to the deceased parent for three years. Even though all of humanity should have demonstrated such attendance, True Mother personally offered such devotion on behalf of all humanity (the children) and on the basis of her devotion, she bequeathed unto us the foundation of 'Forgive, Love, Unite.'"

Overview



Andrew Wilson

The most significant moment of this year's assembly was presented on the schedule as the September 4 "Reaffirmation Ceremony"; that is, preparing one's heart, bowing to True Mother, and attending her with one heart as her guidance and grace flowed within the spirit of each person present. We are confident that this was a spiritual turning point for all those on hand that day and that her guidance will be pivotal to the development of each national church. True Mother's daughter, our international president, Sun Jin Moon, also poured out her heart to the leaders that had come from nations around the world.

An important aspect of the meeting was covered by the strategy presentation for the victory of Vision 2020, presented by Sung Il Cho, the

secretary-general of the international headquarters. Participants also took in four presentations on True Parents' importance and value as seen from a variety of perspectives. These leader-participants will return to their nations with a deeper understanding of the importance of the third Seonghwa anniversary and of the True Parents' accomplishment since Foundation Day. Additionally, the leaders heard an explanation about the Sunhak Hak Peace Prize from Dr. Thomas Walsh in his capacity as chairman of the Sunhak Peace Prize Foundation, regional reports from regional presidents and a report on the five organs of the Cheon Il Guk Constitution. They also took part in sporting events, worship service and a candlelight prayer.

Internal focus



Sun Jin Moon

The participants grappled with four issues in this Cheon Il Guk Leaders Special Assembly. They reconsidered the meaning and value of True Father's ascension and the significance of the third memorial of his Seonghwa. They gained information to disseminate a deeper appreciation and understanding of True Parents' stature. They used the opportunity to discuss internal separatist activities, and they delved into ideological and structural means to facilitate closer harmony among Cheon Il Guk leaders.

Educational materials were developed by the Human Resources Center within the FFWPU International Headquarters, while the environment and overall assembly was envisaged and brought to life by the members of the headquarters that act as True Mother's secretariat.

All of this was in pursuit of enhancing the abilities of true leaders of Cheon Il Guk through inheriting True Parents' substantial word.

Highlights

On September 2, in her opening address, Sun Jin Moon, the FFWPU international president, captured the crux of our personal quest at this time by saying, "Please continue to study and pray about the history and context of True Mother's life course with True Father. In this way, you will come to a deeper understanding

of the truth that True Mother is True Father's eternal partner and that the position of True Parents cannot be compromised.

No one can reject True Mother's absolutely unified position without undermining the absolute value of True Father's position. If we reject either parent we negate our own life. We must understand our true origin if we are to become true sons and daughters."



Young Hwi Kim



Kyeong Seuk Lu

Dr. Andrew Wilson, who is perhaps best known as a professor on the Hebrew Bible at Unification Theological Seminary, spoke about five key aspects of Father's mission and how Mother's success in her own course was essential to True Parents' overall success. Those aspects were completing the mission that Jesus left unfulfilled; paying retribution for what was lost through the Fall and fallen history; paving the way for the salvation of human beings; opening Cheon Il Guk; and ultimately liberating God.

Particularly trenchant were Dr. Wilson's observations on Mother's personal agency in pursuit of True

Parents' joint mission. True Mother was not just along for the ride.



Tyler Hendricks

Demonstrably, she was conscious that of all her life's training and experiences had culminated, under God's guidance, in her meeting Father and she acted within the environment of that consciousness. Her obedience to True Father was an extension of her life's obedience to Heaven and it was given freely of her own volition. In the same way that God often had not explained his intent or the importance of what he was asking Father to do, Father trusted Mother with important providential missions without explaining these in detail. Thus, it was incumbent upon Mother to exert great effort and undergo difficult, painful experiences, struggling toward eventual success, propelled by her trust in True Father and her faith in God. This perspective on the relationship among God

and True Parents not only highlights the difficulties of their life courses but makes tangible that love was central to achieving the great providential advancements that have taken place in the short span covering True Parents' earthly lives.

It is our expectation that as your leaders return to their respective fields of activity, they will have much with which to inspire and guide the frontline members on whom so much depends.