

Letter to Dr. Yang about the Future of Our Movement

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Dear Dr. Yang,

I am leaving for Russia on Thursday, Sept. 20, to work with some AIDS organizations and schools there, for WAIT, returning Sept. 30. Therefore, I will not be able to attend the speech of Hyung Jin on Sept. 21. I wish I could be there.

However, I want to report on another matter. The recent news has shocked members to the core. A spontaneous forum was created on Facebook, with hundreds of people discussing this matter. Many of us feel that these recent events have revealed a deeper problem with the way the American movement is structured.

A- We have a long series of appointed leaders who have massive control, but no checks and balances.

B- We have a culture of secrecy.

C- Money is misused all the time.

D- Members have no voice.

E- Leaders depend on the system financially, so they don't question

F- We have a culture of blind acceptance of the true children.

G- We have had them doing drugs, committing adultery, beating their spouses, stealing millions, suing each other for "church" property, divorcing, bullying, and lying. They come into power, pick a bunch of "yes men," and push their personal agendas. (Hyo Jin's rock bands and CARP campaigns; Hyun Jin with the Service for Peace and GPF campaigns; Kook Jin with his gun-selling agenda; In Jin with a nationalized Lovin Life ministry.)

Members were so hopeful when In Jin visited each place with her husband and children, speaking personally with families. Lovin Life was started; people were happy. Then, it expanded, ending services in nearby areas. Soon it became centralized and nationalized. If anyone resisted, they were threatened. Secular songs and big tithing talks were the focus. Her sermons were vague, wandering, unclear. So, many good people stopped coming. People felt distant, isolated, unimportant.

The revelation of her unprincipled behavior -- having boyfriends, breaking up marriages, having an illegitimate child and hiding -- was even more shocking because she had been so insistent on her way being the true way. This showed us the weaknesses in our system. We have never acted as an open forum, discussing important issues or brainstorming solutions. We don't hold each other accountable. We give absolute power to a few leaders, who operate in the dark. We have forgotten our core values: purity, fidelity, building families, and a life of absolute transparency (No Shadow.)

Materially, we have properties that are never used, and buildings that are falling apart. Money is wasted on salaries, especially for tasks that could be done part-time -- including all ministerial and administrative

tasks. Not only are people not joining, but over the past 20 years, longtime faithful people are pulling away. We have tried a bunch of external changes (mega-church, small groups, self-help groups) but we have ignored home church. Father emphasized Tribal Messiahship and family Hoon Dok Hae, but our church is not organized as families who live God's word. Instead of supporting family development and then asking families to take responsibility, we send kids to workshops and STF to 'grow spiritually', and send parents to WFWP or to Chong Pyung for their spiritual work.

The results have been clear. Youth have not kept purity, and if Blessed, are quick to break their Blessings. Families have no pride, no sense of accomplishment. Leaders have no confidence.

Dr. Yang, I would like to report to you that many of us -- old, young, ex-members, current members -- have been sharing our thoughts and feelings on these issues. We have come to certain conclusions, which I feel Hyung Jin should know about.

I will try to summarize them here:

- 1- The church needs to be decentralized, to have all people equally able to speak on any matter, and for there to be no regional or district leaders. We should deliberate together like the Quakers do, each person speaking from conscience, with prayer and Hoon Dok Hae as consistent elements in any discussion.
- 2- We need to insist on full disclosure, transparency, in both moral and financial matters. We may need a disclosure statement before anyone takes on any activity.
- 3- There should be no paid staff, anywhere.
- 4- Every church member should make money through their own business or job, and every member should have some work they do FOR FREE for the church.
- 5- The group can discuss needs, and individuals can respond based on their conscience and their gifts. Everyone can take on some task.
- 6- No one should be a 'guest' or someone who sits around complaining. If we create a culture of service to each other, we will grow. This is how the Mormons operate, and they have been hugely successful.
- 7- We need to celebrate every person's talents, gifts and service.
- 8- We need to uplift every member, not a few leaders.
- 9- We are the joint heirs of True Parents, and as tribal messiahs, we should treat each other with respect and honor.
- 10- We need to find ways to support families to become loving, self-sustaining, joyful units. Purity and fidelity should be the unchanging and sacred nature of our families.
- 11- Property, money, material things are legally jointly owned by all church members, and are supposed to be used for public purposes.

12- Public things should be able to be used by all members, and maintenance or sales should be discussed and decided by everyone. Of course, any proceeds from sales should be treated as public money, and used for public purposes.

This is a crucial moment. If we don't change things, completely, most people will leave. It's impossible for Hyung Jin to deal with all these responsibilities. It's not possible for a few 'leaders' to transform this broken organization. We need every member to be involved. We need to start fresh, building a Cheon Il Guk organization from the ground up.

This can actually speed the way things happen. Mother can give a direction, it can be immediately sent out to all worldwide members by email or website. Every member simultaneously can read it, and then the various families can discuss how they can implement it. They can report that back, electronically, sending financial reports, photos, and written text. This would be far more efficient, saving time. Also, it will allow a direct, close relationship between True Parents and the Tribal Messiah families. Money can be tithed and managed for the actual purposes. Everything can be reported clearly, up to Mother and to each other, on a daily basis. Financial records can be maintained and viewed by anyone, online. This is a way for total accuracy, no shadow, and absolute unity with True Parents.

If we want to fulfill Father's life work, we need to stop waiting for others to come up with answers. We are now stepping forward, to take responsibility. Please convey to Hyung Jin that we are sincere, and that the purpose is to create a real, viable, working community that will truly reflect our core beliefs, and will carry on the building of God's kingdom to the rest of the world.

In deepest thanks,

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Note: Kate Tsubata agreed to have this letter distributed in order to let members add their names and comments, if they wished. This is the result of the effort to fulfill that desire. The goal is to send what is submitted by Saturday Sept. 20th 10 am. This is in order to provide it before the 1st city event of Hyung Jin Nim's 12 city tour.