

End-of-year reflection on 2016 sent to True Mother

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Beloved True Mother,

What an amazing year, 2016! What an amazing True Mother! What an amazing victory True Mother, through your visit to the US, the elder son nation. A year ago, I was with you in Las Vegas, and at that time, you met with Dr. Kim and several leaders who had gathered, sitting on the living room floor. At one point, you spoke to us about the importance of America, and you even said to me that although it was important to travel the world for UPF International, it was necessary to support and help America fulfill its mission, because America's role is so very important. I could feel your love for this nation and your keen sense of its providential importance. It is clear that your love for this nation is not based on any horizontal feeling, but it is based on your deep understanding of God's providence.

Beginning in February 2016, when you guided us to launch the IAPP, we could feel an awakening beginning, as though we were arising together out of the three-year period of mourning following True Father's passing. As we came to know you gradually at a deeper level than ever before, we began moving forward -- just as you had pledged to True Father, saying, "Do not worry. Please rest with Heavenly Parent. We will fulfill everything." You are indeed leading us forward.

Following the amazing victory during the 2016 ILC at the time of True Parents' birthday and the inaugural meeting of the IAPP at the Korean National Assembly, you did not hesitate or stop to relax.

You called us to carry out a series of Regional level ILCs, centering on UPF, with the focus on several key objectives:

- 1) Teach about True Parents and their vision of peace and their teachings
- 2) Convene parliamentarians and launch the IAPP at the regional level
- 3) Work to solve the critical problems facing humanity, such as climate change, extreme poverty, violent conflict, the refugee problem, and rising extremism
- 4) Promote True Parents' international peace highway project and Peace Road
- 5) Build a global network for peace and human development in order to establish one family under God and to establish the Abel UN. Based on your wisdom, guidance and leadership, True Mother, we gained inspiration, energy and determination.

In Nepal, we gathered the Asia, Oceania and Greater China regions for an Asia Pacific Level ILC, with hundreds of parliamentarians, the prime minister, the president and co-sponsorship by the Nepalese

parliamentarians. Yeon Ah nim delivered True Mother's message. Hoon Sook nim and the Little Angels touched everyone's hearts. The sparks were catching fire.

The sparks then ignited Africa. In Burkina Faso, with full support of the government as co-sponsor, we gathered as the West Africa region, parliamentarians from twenty-four nations.

Then, at Westminster Palace, birthplace of modern parliaments, Sun Jin nim delivered True Mother's message to members of both houses, the House of Lords and House of Commons, as well as to current parliamentarians from throughout the Europe, Eurasia and the Middle East regions.

On to Central America and the Caribbean, where the parliament of Costa Rica assembled to formally, officially receive our ILC participants, led by Kwon Jin nim, who delivered True Mother's message. The president of the parliament and even the vice-president of the country welcomed us and offered their support.

Then to Paraguay, and the heart of South America, where True Parents had invested their blood, their sweat, their tears, their treasure, we assembled in the Parliament Building with the speaker of the parliament and parliamentarians from all over South America. Kwon Jin nim again delivered True Mother's message. The fire was lit in South America.

Then, back to the East Africa region, in Zambia, and a miraculous gathering of three hundred in the parliament house to receive True Mother's message, which Kwon Jin nim delivered.

On to Japan, following your visit to Kyushu and the site of the Korea-Japan undersea tunnel, for an unprecedented ILC victory, held at the Japanese parliament with around seventy parliamentarians lending their support, signing the IAPP declaration and listening to Sun Jin nim deliver True Mother's message. The fire was burning brighter and brighter.

It was True Mother's direction that we conclude the 2016 ILC series in Washington D.C., capital of the elder son nation. True Mother herself agreed to come to speak directly to the members of Congress. What a challenge! What an opportunity! What a victory.

The members of the elder son nation, guided by Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, and the many leaders who had been personally raised and trained by True Parents over so many decades, inspired by their love and respect for True Mother, worked from absolute determination to bring victory. And what a victory it was, an unprecedented victory. Never before had we achieved such an outpouring of support from all sectors and from all political parties. The present day is different from the past. We are on a new level. We stood not as beggars or servants or as apprentices but as the fruit of True Parents' ministry, and as men and women with a vision and message that America needs. Eighty members of the US Congress, Republicans and Democrats, rose to welcome the ILC, the IAPP and to receive True Mother's message, delivered in the Kennedy Caucus Room of the US Senate. UPF and the Washington Times Foundation worked together in unity, along with all brothers and sisters.

The night of your speech at the Senate, True Mother, was truly magical. It felt like Christmas Day... not any ordinary day. Miracles were happening. Senators and congressmen were coming in one after the other, as if they were movie stars coming to the Academy Awards. They spoke to our ILC. They were inspired to be with us. They greeted the international parliamentarians with so much appreciation and respect.

And, then the moment everyone was waiting for came. Sen Orin Hatch greeted True Mother with deep respect and in the most dignified and warmhearted way imaginable. His love and respect for True Parents was evident in every word and gesture. The Little Angels profoundly moved him. Only heaven could have scripted that day. This was a different America, an America awakened and shedding its history of mistreatment of True Parents and ignorance of their value. We were at the turning point, and the tipping point.

True Mother, your message on that day, your message to America, flowed without your having any notes and without even one pause. It flowed flawlessly, gracefully and powerfully and delivered heavenly content that was strong and truthful; it was medicine for the soul of the nation, medicine for a nation that was searching for its soul, a nation that was seeking to recover its true identity after having gone astray.

True Mother you summarized providential history brilliantly and truthfully. It was as though you were showing us the map of providential history -- from Adam, through Jesus, to the present day -- and pointing to our current location on that providential map, and showing us where we needed to go. You called each member of Congress, both the US members of Congress and the seventy parliamentarians from fifty-six other nations, to take responsibility. You spoke personally, lovingly and seriously to each one individually, underscoring each one's importance in the eyes of Heavenly Parent. You said, "The world needs you. Heaven needs you." It was as the Sermon on the Mount might have been. One could hear a pin drop during the speech, as everyone listened intently.

True Mother brought the flame to America, and the fire is now burning. A twenty-first century Great Awakening has begun. You continued to guide us at the Washington Times Building, at the Manhattan Center, and at East Garden. You are our True Teacher, True Parent, True Owner.

Imagine if Jesus had been able to go to Rome, to meet Tiberius, the Emperor (Caesar), and to speak before the Roman Senate (from Latin *senatus* or *senex* meaning elder or council of elders) which consisted of as many as six hundred senators at that time, as a council of advisors, but with power to install the emperor. The only begotten son and even his bride as well would have spoken directly to the senators. But, alas, this did not happen due to the providential failures of that time.

True Parents, however, did come to America, and spoke to presidents and before members of Congress. Despite much opposition, persecution and tragic imprisonment, True Parents prevailed and were victorious. True Mother's appearance at the Senate of the United States on November 30, 2016 is a transformative day for America and the world. This moment was different from past appearances. We had experienced nothing quite like this in the past.

Many of us had deep concern about the direction America has been going, not to mention Korea and Japan. Would the three central providential nations be able to fulfill their responsibilities, united together as one, centered on Heavenly Parent's will and True Parents?

True Mother, after your victorious visit to America, to the Senate, to the African American Museum, to the National Theatre, to the Washington Times Building, to East Garden, to the Manhattan Center, to the ACLC gathering, to the opening of the museum at East Garden, and on to Las Vegas, we have woken up. We are waking up from slumber. The fire is burning.

Sun Jin nim delivered your message to the ILC with much grace and passion, supported by In Sup nim, along with Ye Jin nim, Kwon Jin nim, Hwa Yun nim and Yeon Ah nim. Their unity and support for True Mother were extremely important components of this victory.

The Little Angels are irreplaceable and the Sunhak Peace Prize announcement won everyone's respect and appreciation. The focus on refugees was right on target.

This victory came through the great unity and hard work of both brothers and sisters in America, but also the world over. For the US victory was a global victory, a victory that came through the unity among Korea, Japan and America, along with the entire world, the entire global family -- every region, every nation, every blessed central family. Each ILC throughout 2016 was building toward Washington D.C. This was a global effort.

America cannot go to God or True Parents alone, but must go together with the entire world. That is what happened in Washington D.C. There was a foundation of faith and of substance to receive the Messiah, the only begotten daughter, the True Parents. Korea, Japan and America united. All regions united. Internal and external united. Young and old united. Cain and Abel united.

True Mother, we have only just begun. Like you, we are not stopping. We are not resting. God is not resting. At the Washington Times Building, you said that we should fulfill our responsibilities "Right Now." We will do that.

As you have said to us, God is busily preparing people the world over who are ready to receive True Parents' message. We are now moving forward to True Parents' birthday and an even greater victory, and onward throughout 2017, and 2018, and 2019 to victory in Vision 2020.

The providence has come alive! Heavenly Parent is alive, and conducting the central providence through our movement centered on True Mother. At the same time, Heavenly Parent is alive through our movement, brothers and sisters united with True Mother. But, although God is working directly with True Mother and our movement, God is also a very big God who exceeds our comprehension, and God is clearly working twenty-four hours a day to shape history and to prepare people in every nation, in every position and sector of power -- in government, religion, academia, civil society, business, the arts...everywhere. The hearts and minds of all human beings are awakening. The original mind is coming alive.

True Mother, we each pledge to attend and support you and bring victory on a global level. In 2016 we have witnessed a heavenly awakening. But, we are only getting started. Wait until next year.

True Mother, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. Hallelujah! Victory is near. God's nation is near. Cheon Il Guk is near. Thank you, True Mother. We love you True Mother.