

Dear Brothers and Sisters who have signed this open letter,

I very much appreciate your sharing your view with the Unification Family (and thus with me). I sincerely hope that we can dialogue and that you can provide me with responses to my comments/questions. Since the letter did not offer contact information, I am sending this only to a number of you but please share it with everyone who signed this letter. I am not even sure if the e-mail addresses I have are correct. I will intersperse my comments below and use a different font color for my comments. I will highlight the passage that I am referring to.

God bless you,
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Open Letter to the Unification Family

June 14, 2010

Dear brothers and sisters,

On June 12 we celebrated a holy day of our faith tradition, the Day of All True Things. For many of us the spirit of celebration was bittersweet and muted, because on this day also many Unification churches in America held meetings to convey a perspective on the "Brazil incident". Certainly none of us could expect or imagine that we would experience such painful circumstances in this time.

The meetings held in every Unification Church in America this past weekend gathered all members for presentations about the recent controversial events in Brazil. **The intent was to convey to every blessed central family an unequivocal and final indictment and judgment on an elder son of the True Family and those who support him. That judgment is being expressed in the harshest terms, even to the point of discussing "heretics" with the implicit threat of excommunication.**

Please share with me how you came to the conclusion that this was the intent and that judgments were being expressed. I am curious which meeting you attended. Here in Seattle, no unequivocal and final indictment and judgment was conveyed, neither by Rev. Krishnek nor by Rev. Jenkins (who happened to be in town for a pastor's forum). On the contrary, the atmosphere was far from judgmental; it was full of love for True Parents and for Hyun Jin Nim. What was conveyed in no uncertain terms was, however, that Hyun Jim currently does not have True Parents Blessing to represent them in public gatherings. There was no final indictment and judgment. How could there be? As you insinuate at the bottom, in the end, True Love will overcome even the greatest challenges. Ezekiel 33:12-16 is a wonderful example of even God changing his mind. The same example we see in our True Parents. We have heard them say on occasions that there is no way, yet True Love and the conditions made opened a way.

For most in our faith community, these circumstances are profoundly distressing. So too for us. Heated debates rage, positions harden, and divisions into “sides” and “camps” deepen, with corresponding litmus tests of loyalty. Certainly fault can be found in many quarters, but ultimately we all must consider the consequences of continuing in this way. **If we are about bringing God’s love and peace to this world, we need to express that within our own church community.**

Again, that is what was expressed in our meeting in Seattle. However, expressing love also means facing realities. Our movement does not necessarily have a good track record of that. Are you advocating that there should be no mention of the fact that Hyun Jin Nim is going against True Father’s express wishes? If the members in Brazil had been clearly aware of True Father’s desire and direction, would they have gone against True Father and welcomed Hyun Jin Nim? Don’t you think American members should be made aware of the situation so that this will not repeat in the US?

Currently the central leaders of the Unification Movement are saying that Hyun Jin Nim, a True Son, is denying the vertical relationship and disobeying Father’s directions. They list all the wrongs Hyun Jin Nim committed and are judging him in Father’s name. They claim that this is an expression of love towards Hyun Jin Nim, and state that this is the way to bring Hyun Jin Nim back to his Parents and save the Providence. Given the ongoing accusations about Hyun Jin Nim conveyed by various leaders, there is now an unprecedented onslaught of criticism of Father’s son from many quarters.

So, are you saying Hyun Jin Nim is obeying Father’s direction? Are the leaders misrepresenting True Father’s directions?

And one more time, where is the judgment? There is great compassion for Hyun Jin Nim. Isn’t it Hyun Jin Nim who is bringing upon himself this “onslaught of criticism”?

It appears to me you are accusing those who point out that at this time Hyun Jin Nim is going against True Father’s direction. Don’t you think your own criticism is pointing in the wrong direction? I know you all love True Parents and thus I assume you are encouraging Hyun Jin Nim to unite with True Father’s direction. I would love to hear about the progress you are making. Please don’t tell me Hyun Jin Nim is united with True Father’s vision. True Father’s vision is not disunity.

As dedicated members who have worked with Hyun Jin Nim in some cases for 10-15 years, and with True Parents for much longer, we know firsthand of **Hyun Jin Nim’s unflagging dedication to God’s providence and the legacy of True Parents. We protest the misrepresentations and falsehoods being disseminated by certain church leaders in blatant attempts to undermine Hyun Jin Nim’s relationship with True Parents and his standing within our movement. We urge that you exercise caution and seek a balanced and informed perspective, rather than rush to judgment on such critical and sensitive issues. We will certainly provide clear evidence of the falsehoods and innuendo being used against Hyun Jin Nim in other communications.**

I don't doubt Hyun Jin Nim's dedication to what he considers God's providence and the legacy of True Parents. Please help me understand the misrepresentations and falsehoods that you protest. Please interpret for me how you understand True Father's directions to Hyun Jin Nim. It appears to me that he is the one misrepresenting True Father's direction but I am certainly open to hear your understanding. As you recommend, I am seeking a balanced and informed perspective. Please help me get that perspective. Please put me on your distribution list so that I can receive the clear evidence of the falsehood. Of course, the clearest evidence would be a recent picture of Hyun Jin Nim bowing to his father and a current statement from True Father about Hyun Jin Nim.

Hyun Jin Nim always orients his activities around True Parents' Peace Messages, from which he draws inspiration and guidance. Because he understands the significance of that perspective, Hyun Jin Nim has some disagreements about the direction our movement is currently pursuing.

Those disagreements have nothing to do with personal ambition for position, but rather how the true legacy of True Parents should be expressed and advanced. Obviously the disagreements are significant and must be resolved. But one may ask whether attempting to ostracize or banish a family member for such disagreement is an effective approach. How a family deals with and resolves disagreements within the family speaks volumes about the character of that family.

Hyun Jin Nim is not being ostracized for his disagreement in his approach. If with his approach you are referring to something other than his violent behavior during Hoon Dok Hae in Brazil. For that, he should be ostracized. There was verbal and physical abuse for which most people would be sent to jail. I sincerely hope one or all of you is/are recommending some time off for Hyun Jin Nim to deal with his anger management and to return when he has resolved this problem. How can Jin Man Kwak sit there and not stand up and say "Enough!" Please help me understand how this activity was oriented around True Parents' Peace Messages. I can't see that. If this behavior is not dealt with, our movement will, at some point, find itself in the same situation as the Catholic Church for concealing abuse and not dealing with it.



Assuming, though, that you refer to his approach in bringing about Cheon Il Guk, there should not be an either/or situation. It is my understanding that True Father wanted Hyun Jin Nim to lead UPF. We need the spiritual realm, the political realm, the economic realm, the artistic realm ... All those realms need to come together. And Hyun Jin Nim is very much needed in bringing these realms together.

However, the internal, spiritual aspect always has to be the subject. Even though we understand from DP that at times any one of the four positions can play the subject role, ultimately, God is the subject. And God works through True Parents who have appointed Hyung Jin Nim as the spiritual head of our movement. Please explain to me how you or how Hyun Jin Nim sees this? I don't understand.

We understand that organizations such as the Unification Church must exercise authority and operate in orderly ways. However the steps being taken now have far-reaching consequences. Is the legacy of our True Parents expressed solely through a church organization that condemns heretics and excommunicates those who raise fundamental concerns? **Can a son of True Parents be banished** from his family because he objects to organizational plans and directions?

Is the son banished or is the son simply harvesting the consequences of the seeds he has sown?

True Father's life has been a testament to the power of true love, overcoming the greatest challenges by loving even his enemies. It is in that legacy that we find hope and confidence that even these most difficult circumstances can be digested and resolved toward positive outcomes. **The relationships among True Parents and True Family are their realm of responsibility, not ours.** For our part, let us sincerely and prayerfully work for reconciliation rather than division, and understanding rather than condemnation.

I absolutely agree with you that the power of True Love can and will overcome even the greatest challenges. I also agree that the relationships among True Parents and True Family are their realm of responsibility. However, as part of the extended True Family, they do affect us and we have to be clear where we stand. Simply, do we stand with True Parents or not? My conscience does not allow me to say I am one with True Parents vision as expressed in the peace messages yet go against their directions. Your conscience obviously allows you to go this way. Please help me understand this. In the end, we have to be true to our conscience.

**With love,
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Sincerely,

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