

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon: Young Talent Becomes the Foundation for ‘Vision 2020’

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Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon Navigates the Smooth Generational Transition of her Church with the Leadership of a Mother... Congregation Grows as Young 2nd Generation Move Forward to Evangelize the World.

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Family Federation for World Peace and Unification President Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon plans to ignite the “second revival” of the Family Federation through the appointment of young talented leaders. Dr. Han gives welcoming remarks at the “World Federation Service for Victory in Vision 2020.”

On October 26th, a crowd of over 30,000 people gathered at the Cheong Shim Peace World Center in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi-do. These people were the followers of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, who had congregated from all the corners of the world to attend the “Global Worship Service for the Victory of Vision 2020.” “Vision 2020” is an evangelistic strategy which seeks to recreate the Family Federation as a household name and gather ten million followers; thereby setting the foundation for world peace by 2020, which marks 100 years since the birth of Federation founder Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

However, to regard “Vision 2020” as simply a strategy would be inadequate; the words hold a much more significant meaning to the Family Federation. After the passing of Rev. Moon, the Family Federation was reorganized under Dr. Han, and “Vision 2020” was established as the banner of the realization of world peace. Thus, it can be said that all evangelistic efforts and movements for world peace made by the Family Federation are carried out in accordance with “Vision 2020.”

“Vision 2020” stresses expanding the church through evangelical public service, particularly through the appointing and fostering of young talent. After Rev. Moon established the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (currently known as the Family Federation) in 1954, he began holding international marriage ceremonies. The children of those marriages are now seen as the driving forces in carrying on the work of the Family Federation.

Perhaps this is the reason Dr. Han has mentioned the role of second generation in the Family Federation in so many of her speeches. At the 2nd entrance ceremony of the Universal Peace Academy in March of this year, she said that, “The second generation must greet the era of total responsibility and bring about a united world and a united culture.” When she spoke to a second generation gathering last September, she said that, “If the Korean church is to revive, our university students and the Youth Federation must first revive.” She also highlighted the importance of second generation in expanding the church and improving its image.

Young Talent at the Forefront of ‘Vision 2020’



30,000 followers from around the world gathered at the ‘Global Worship Service for the Victory of Vision 2020.’

On the Family Federation’s 60th Anniversary event this year, Dr. Han appointed leadership positions to many young second generation members as a part of her plan to revitalize the structure of the Federation. Recently, “young blood” has been standing out among the ranks of the Federation personnel. Second generation leaders were appointed in the positions of President of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, which specializes in witnessing to young university students, Youth Federation for World Peace President, Family Federation Vice President, Universal Peace Federation and Citizen Federation for World Peace and Unification Joint President, Heaven and Earth Cheong Pyeong Training Center Director, Cheong Shim Theology University President and many other positions.

“After her inauguration as chairman, Dr. Han has dedicated herself first and foremost to the revitalization of our internal structuring. Of course, replacing many of our leaders with young second generation is one of the ways that we are seeking to invigorate our organization,” said a representative of the Family Federation. This action has been replicated in international chapters of the Federation, as well. Nations that have made exceptional progress in witnessing, such as the Philippines, Thailand and other Southeast Asian nations, have been announced as model examples for other nations to follow, and have replaced most of their leaders with young evangelists.

“This past March, in the Philippines, interreligious peace blessing marriage ceremonies were held in 15 cities, including General Santos. The ceremonies were attended by a total of 30,000 people. In Sisaket and Bangkok in Thailand, ‘True Family Movement’ education and blessing marriage ceremonies have been growing in popularity and the congregation of the Family Federation is seeing remarkable growth in the entire Southeast Asian region. Youth evangelists played a huge role in bringing about the expansion of the Federation in this region,” said a representative of the Family Federation.

“Vision 2020” also incorporates the fostering of young leaders. Through the fostering of young talent, the Federation aims to strengthen the foundation of the church. In order to accomplish this, the Family Federation plans to send young evangelists to 40 nations around the globe to carry out international service and actualize the love of the family, creating a “global network of youth leaders.”

The “Global Youth Festival 2014,” held in Japan on September 23rd, featured many programs for fostering young talent. Youth from around the world went beyond national borders, race and culture to gather together and resolve to strive for world peace. The event, which reflected the Family Federation’s fostering of talented youth, was attended by 10,000 second generation members from about 40 countries, representing Africa, Southeast Asia, Middle Asia, North and South America.

The Family Federation emphasizes education in the fostering of young talent, a point which has been constantly stressed ever since the inauguration of Dr. Han. “We must now focus on education,” she said in one of her keynote speeches. “It should become an established standard that all of our future leaders receive education. All leaders in all positions and fields should be educated. This is the fastest way to bring about world peace.”

The “Universal Peace Academy,” founded by Dr. Han, is a cradle of young talent. The Academy, which opened its doors in March 2013, is a place where the future leaders of the Family Federation receive their education. “The cadets of the Universal Peace Academy must dedicate all of their strength so that their names can be carved into providential history. Your youth and spirit will serve as the pillars and the foundation of the settlement of Cheon Il Guk,” encouraged Dr. Han at the founding ceremony.....