

## Message at the 1st Anniversary of World Clergy Leadership Conference and Rally of Hope

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As we celebrate WCLC's First Anniversary with members of the clergy from around the world and members of the American clergy with ACLC, I give my heartfelt greetings.

Today we must know the truth of God's Dispensation and Providence and usher in a new era. This is the point where we are standing. Just as the Bible says, 'New wine must be put into new wineskins.'

Today, throughout the world, problems so severe as to defy description are arising. Most notably, as the Corona virus continues to spread, all over the world we face a situation where face-to-face occasions are severely restricted. Even so, God's hope and humanity's hope is to see a unified world.



This is why it is about the truth of God's Providence that I would like to speak. I have called on you to become the righteous people of this time.

Our Creator wanted to realize His dream together with humankind on earth. For this reason, He gave human beings a responsibility for their life. His desire was for us to grow our hearts well and perfect our

love and live together with Him, our Creator.

However, the positions of becoming the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, were unable to accomplish this. They ended up bringing about a world that had no relationship with God.

Our Creator is eternal. Everything He created is also eternal. Looking from this perspective, God had no other way than to carry out the Providence of Salvation, which He would have wished were not necessary. We know how difficult that history has been, the 4,000-year history of the people of Israel being one example.



In keeping with those times, God sent His central figures and prophets and promised to send the Messiah. How difficult this course must have been that it took God 4,000 years. Consider the time when the Israelites were in slavery in Egypt and how through Moses they gained their freedom. God enabled the Israelites to escape, guiding them with the miracle of the pillar of cloud and pillar of fire.

The place the Israelites had to reach was Canaan. Then why did they waste 40 years in the wilderness? This was the result of their not being able to be completely united with their leader, Moses. In other words, the Israelites lacked a sense of ownership of their position and their mission.

Finally however, after 4,000 years, through the people of Israel, God sent the Savior and the Messiah. He called Jesus 'My Son, My only-begotten Son.' Why did God send His Son to us?

At times certain central people had key responsibilities, among them Mother Mary and the religious leaders at that time. Yet, they were unable to complete those responsibilities; and, Jesus, as a result, had no footing on which to stand. Jesus Christ had no choice but to go the way of the cross. However, he promised to return.

Jesus said he would come again to conduct the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Christianity had its first beginnings as its early followers waited for the Second Advent of Jesus who had promised to come back. However, they did not know the true essence of Jesus, nor did they fully understand about our Creator's ideal for humankind.

Through the apostles Christianity began, but over a long period of time in the course of the faith, a man-made framework, system of faith came to be emphasized and many problems emerged from this.

God emphasized that He would be based on the Christian foundation and that the Messiah would come again. Heaven therefore allowed the reformation to occur. Martin Luther began the reformation. John Calvin gave it solidity.

After publishing his 95 Thesis and their reaching Rome, through them Luther spoke about the oppression of people's faith. The Protestant Church began at this point. Back then the Puritans in Europe were longing for the freedom to serve God and practice their faith freely. This led them to seek out and head for then new world where they would find that freedom of faith.

In 1620 they journeyed to what is now America, and the first thing they did was build a chapel where they could worship God and for the education of future generations they built a school. Only after this did they build their own homes.

This is to say that building a nation that served God was something they had resolved to do. This is the beginning of the United States. This is why even on the United States' money, on the coins and bills we

see the statement 'In God we trust.'

However, throughout this 400-year history, America has weathered a lot of storms. In connection with the Northern Presbyterian movement in connection with Canada, pastors, deacons and believers of the Presbyterian Church movement could attend God more freely than in earlier times under the Catholic Church.

Therefore, many pastors began going out to the world. During that time in Korea, the Presbyterian Church in Pyongyang saw explosive growth under God's Providence. At that time, Christianity stood in the position to see the fulfillment of the Providence that God had promised.



Jesus Christ whom all humanity was waiting for had said that he would come again and conduct the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The birth of the counterpart of the Returning Lord was to happen 400 years after Calvin's work for the Reformation around 1543. God's only-begotten Daughter was born in 1943. (tremendous applause)

God's Providence is profound and mysterious. Korean Christianity, Korea itself, right after World War II at the beginning of the Cold War, was divided between the North and the South. It was a division between communism and democracy, but in South Korea the democracy was still in a stage of development, an early stage.

North Korea, however, was fully ready, preparing to invade the South. Korea was liberated in 1945 and the Korean War broke out in 1950. Yet, there was evidence that Heaven was guiding things. And so, the Korean War was a war where God was present, a holy war.

After that, in 1960, True Parents' Advent took place.

*(tremendous applause)*

Many countries that had been under colonial rule, particularly those in Africa, became independent and were liberated. The realization of humanity's wish and Heavenly Parent's hope and dream became possible through the emergence of The True Parents on earth; and under the same True Parents all of humankind became brothers and sisters. And so there can no longer be countries that rule over others.

*(tremendous applause)*

Even so, for God's Providence, the Christian Foundation should have worked together with True Parents. However, this didn't work out, so True Parents' course for the past 60 years has been like walking in the wilderness. And yet, as we are the Parents, we did our best.

And so, today around the world we have raised many Blessed families through the marriage Blessing. Humankind can return to God our Creator only through the True Parents. In other words, through True Parents, people need to be born again. This is what I wish to say, that is, through the process of the marriage Blessing under God our Creator.

God is the Heavenly Parent of humankind. And the way to become the children of Heavenly Parent has

been paved and widened by True Parents for the past 60 years.

*(tremendous applause)*

And yet, the 7.8 billion people of the world still do not know about these Parents whose coming Heavenly Parent had longed and whom all humankind need to meet and discover. Then who is to let all people know about True Parents and lead everyone to become True Parents' children? This should be you, in particular the religious leaders in America and throughout the world, with one united heart embracing and guiding all people. This is the responsibility God has given you.

*(tremendous applause)*

The fulfillment of that responsibility will create a new history. As I previously mentioned, new wine should be put into new wineskins. Only when we let go of everything in the past that had a human-centered beginning and advance to a position that is centered solely on True Parents and on the Heavenly Parent can God be with us. This is what I would like to say.



I would also like to say that God has been waiting with such an urgent heart. We have come to know about this. Notably, everything that happened this year is a warning from God that there is no more time.

In particular, as America celebrates its 400 years of history, we must regain its original founding spirit.

*(tremendous applause)*

If our Heavenly Parent can no longer dwell in the United States of America, this is not good. This must not happen. God Blessed the United States and made it a powerful nation in front of the world for the purpose of embracing all of its 7.8 billion people. Heaven's and True Parents' hard work must no longer be allowed to be in vein.

Right after World War II, the victory of the United States brought tremendous hope to the free world. The United States must uphold God, uphold Heaven. Yet, it has forgotten God and acted with pride and so many problems have arisen: family breakdown; sexual promiscuity among the young; substance abuse and other such issues have troubled the United States.

At the time of the Roman Empire roads crisscrossed the world. These were the very signs that the Empire was going to collapse. Observing these things, we as the True Parents went to the United States and for 40 years we invested in that country over and over again. We clung to God Who was at the point of leaving America and implored Him to give that nation another chance to fulfill its responsibility.

Those days, as we walked the streets of Manhattan, our tears did not stop falling. At that time, a lot of people in the United States, even hippies, followed True Parents; and a new history began to be written.

These followers matured in their love, and in 1975 many went out as missionaries to the world. Among these, many are still in their mission countries continuing to take responsibility for those missions and nations.

As people who deeply understand Heavenly Parents heart and understand Heaven Parents, until this day with the resolve to become Heavenly Parents sons and daughters and to fulfill Heavenly Parents' dream, until their very last breath they continue to labor. And so, the United States of America today, which God has Blessed must be accomplishing its responsibility and bearing results to be able to write a new history.

*(tremendous applause)*



I would like to say the following: Please forgive the American politicians and work together in oneness. Harmony and unity is the only way by which the United States can maintain its existence. You must know this.

For the United States, the nation God has Blessed, to stand in a position wherein it can fulfill its responsibility before God is what God has been wishing for and waiting for.

So, all the pastors, members of the clergy in America and throughout the world, there are many religions in our world today: all these faiths have one purpose, they all have the same will, share the same purpose to serve and attend the absolute Being, our Creator.

Hence, I sincerely hope that you will let all people know about our Creator and work to realize a world of peace wherein all people live in unity as one family of humankind, one great family.

Please raise your voices and work together for this. I give you my Blessing.

*(tremendous applause)*

