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The Era of New Creation

From Rev. Hwang's sermon given at the headquarters church in Cheongpa-dong on July 18

I recently visited China. On June 16, the Family Federation was officially established in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region in China. This is the result of True Parents' endeavors, which go back thirty years. Until last year, the U.S. was Korea's greatest trading partner; today China is. China is beginning to establish intimate ties with Korea. Many of our people have worked to lay a foundation for success in relation to China.

Following the establishment of the Family Federation in China, I was invited to participate in an education program. In my presentation, "Where China Should Be Going," I talked about the providential perspective.

In an example about Western society, which has already reached an advanced stage, I explained that the spiritual civilization of man is withering away amidst material abundance. I tried to warn the Chinese people, who are currently heading towards material abundance. I told them that the coming of great abundance or improvement of external conditions is utterly meaningless if one is not healthy in mind and spirit. What is most important is whether our minds are healthy—whether we have hope. I told them that all the phenomena that are occurring today are providential and historic phenomena for a new creation that will build a new world of hope. The Chinese participants were very pure and thirsting for truth.

It was an invaluable experience for me to find that there still are countless people throughout the world who are fervently waiting for the truth that holds the true life of God. I would like to ask you all as well to rediscover your mission and responsibility and do your best in the field.

Dearest, beloved members, our standard of judgment for our thoughts lies in the providence. You must diagnose and observe the world from the viewpoint of the providence. In order for us to have that kind of providential mindset and judgment we need to have eyes that can correctly view the providence. All the many works of God evidenced throughout history have enabled us to have the eyes that can correctly see the true path today.

Two days ago, we had a rally at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu. Rain had been forecast for that day, but it did not rain. Instead we suffered under the hot sun. As a person in charge of the preparation of providential events, I always worry about whether it will rain or the sun will shine. But all such concerns can be resolved if we change the way we think.

This is similar to the Israelites who in the course of their departure from Egypt and entry into the land of Canaan complained and were dissatisfied with every little thing, complaining because they had no water, and then again

because they had too much to eat. As a result, they had to wander in the wilderness for forty years, and they had to be reeducated through hardships.

The same can be said of us today. Just by tilting the angle of our thoughts, everything can seem to be irritating or troublesome to us. We are filled with complaints: "Why do True Parents ask us to come all the way down to Yeosu when we are quite fine here?" or "Why do we have so many of these exhausting rallies?" or "Why are there so many things to donate for?"

Consider the Christian churches. Many believe that they are saved through their faith; the prevailing view of faith today is to just think about salvation and do nothing. If you are also following this path with that kind of mindset, I'm asking you to change it. Please look deep inside yourselves and repent. How can we guide the age into a new providential future if we are filled with complaints and discontent?

A new age, a new responsibility

Dear members, True Parents are at the center of providential history, but they do not engage in the providence alone. As they create the eternal, ideal world, we are the fourth Adams who carry the fruits of their labors. We are the tribal messiahs of the original ideal of the Creation. This speaks of the homogeneity between True Parents and ourselves.

If we, with this status, can engage in an all-out effort centered on and in unity with True Parents, the creation of a new future will be achieved for sure. How can we be dragging our feet in the back when True Parents are at the front, battling against hardships to expedite the providence?

How can we become the central figures of the providence? How can we take leading roles in creating a new future? Now, in the age of the fourth Adam, which was ushered in through bone-wrenching indemnity by our True Parents, we first need to have a solid mindset of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience in order to fulfill our responsibilities as tribal messiahs.

Dear members, I have been attending True Parents for these past eight years since my appointment as president of our organization. Never before have I seen them so sincerely engaged in supervising the providence.

One example I can give you is that on a normal basis, True Parents' day ends well past midnight—usually one, two or even three in the morning. At times their days end earlier. Yet Father has never once said to turn off the light, since he stays up alone in prayer. These days, whether it is late or early, True Parents send us off first and often

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Members of the True Family attended the August 22 celebration, held at Sun Moon University, to celebrate the crowning of the king of peace and the 8th Chil Pal Jeol (Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath); *left*, Hyo-jin nim and Yun-ah nim; *right*, Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim.



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Declaration of the Advent of the Revolution of True Heart and the Era of True Liberation and Complete Freedom

Speech of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, read by Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan,
at the National Assembly Library in Seoul on August 20

Distinguished heads of state, world leaders, ladies and gentlemen: On behalf of the hosts of this event, I would like to thank you all for honoring this occasion with your presence. On behalf of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who has walked the lonely path of true love in accordance with the divine

will, I would like to read his message of peace:

HUMANITY, flying on the winds of heavenly fortune, has now entered a providential time in which we are to establish a world of eternal peace in a new heaven and new earth. You came here to receive the holy blessing because Heaven has chosen you as the main leaders who are to accomplish this incredible task of Heaven.

The coming of the new heaven and new earth may not be visible to your eyes. I, however, can see the spiritual power of the era after the coming of Heaven. I would like to share with you the words that God has given you at this special moment so that you may understand that you have received Heaven's command to open the era after the coming of heaven, and bring true liberation and full freedom to God, who is our true parent.

Dear guests, when we look at the present time from the viewpoint of human history and of God's providence through the ages, we see that we live in an era of tremendous significance. It is impossible to establish a world of peace through human effort alone. Heavenly fortune must also be present. The words I convey to you now are a tremendous grace that God is giving to humanity at the opening of the era after the coming of heaven, which is the new heaven and new earth. At the same time, they are a warning. Heaven will surely give new life to those who seek to lose their lives out of a commitment to Heaven's command, but those who ignore this command will naturally fall into failure. Please listen carefully, and never forget that Heaven has called you for this very special time.

True Parents Are the Hope of God and Humankind

To humankind, God stands in the position of the parent of all parents, the teacher of all teachers and the king of all kings. This is because God is an omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent being. He is the origin and root of true love and has the attributes of being absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal.

Today the hope of fallen man is to meet God's true son, who is the Messiah. We, who are descendants of the Fall, can meet God's son, who has escaped the realm of Satan's accusation. After that, we can seek to establish families God can love, that is, families formed centering on True Parents. On this foundation we can discover God's love and, ultimately, meet God directly.

Only the perfected Adam, the True Father, can create a relationship of love centered on God's love. But a father alone cannot become a parent. He needs to find his true partner. That partner must be a true woman.

The True Parents become the unified center from the scope of the individual to that of the world and cosmos, and they can be engrafted onto all those dimensions—the individual, family, tribe, race, nation and world. I have been preparing for this task throughout my life. Humanity must pass through the gate of True Parents. Unless we pass through the gates of true parenthood, we cannot connect to God's heart.

In this fallen world, nations are unable to connect in heart with one another, religions are unable to connect in heart with one another, and families are unable to connect in heart with one another. To break down the walls that block us in all four directions, we first need to establish a bond with God's heart. Who in reality will take on this task? We can conclude that only the True Parents, who come as the true mediators of Heaven, can do so. It has been God's desire and humanity's dream to find the lost True

Parents.

Adam and Eve, the first human ancestors, should have become the true ancestors of humankind, the True Parents of humankind, whom God truly longed to see. All people should have been born as the blood relatives of those True Parents. The True Parents of humankind should have appeared with the beginning of history as the glorious incarnation of God. They should have substantiated God's eternal victory before humankind.

Due to the Fall, human beings departed from the laws of Heaven, lost their original selves, and were degraded into an evil mob that trampled on the heart of God. Consequently, human beings are struggling through the course of restoration to rediscover their original selves and seek the world of true heart. Due to the Fall, humanity fell to a position lower than that of the creation. People fell into a miserable position in which they could not relate freely with God.

Since they could not redeem themselves from this position on their own, God worked to awaken and recreate humankind. But in spite of God's desire to save pitiful humanity, He is helpless, unable to act in the realm of the Fall or below that realm. This is because God had no relationship with the Fall. Thus, God has waited for the day the Messiah, as the second Adam, who stands in a position above unfallen Adam and Eve, could establish God's family and become the True Parent. Only on the foundation of such a family can the true, devoted son appear. True patriots can emerge from a nation based on such a family. When this foundation expands to the world level, true saints will appear. When expanded to the cosmic level, divine sons and daughters will appear. The representatives of Heaven, Heaven's heirs, will appear only on the basis of such true families.

God is the Vertical True Parent; True Parents Are the Horizontal True Parents

Ladies and gentlemen, "true parents" is a term that originated within God's mind before the beginning of creation. Because all the ideals of God's creation began under the ideal of true love based on true parents, the term "true parents" represented God's hopeful longing before creation began. Countless people throughout the course of God's providence were sacrificed before God could establish the True Parents. God worked through various religions that He established at appropriate times in the course of His providence. Thus, among religions there are those on the level of the angels, there are Cain-type religions, Abel-type religions, religions on the level of an adopted child, religions on the level of a stepchild, religions on the level of foster parents, religions on the level of the True Mother and religions on the level of the True Father.

When we look at the history of Christianity, we see that Protestantism and Catholicism, in the positions of Abel and Cain, should have brought together all religious spheres. These religions were working independently for the sake of the salvation of humanity, in the various cultural spheres and areas of the world and in accordance with God's overall will. Among them, Christianity was the mainstream religion because it was the religion of God's son. Christianity should have established one nation and one world, that is, a world of peace through true love.

God is the vertical True Parent. How wonderful it would be if God, the vertical parent, could produce children in the spirit world! However, having children in the spirit world is impossible. That is why God created Adam and Eve horizontally in the position of the True Parents of humankind and through them created a process of birth and growth that would generate the citizens of the heavenly kingdom. A vertical line has only one focal point. Consequently, it cannot engage in reproduction, which requires three dimensions. The volume needed for reproduction appears only when vertical lines meet horizontal lines, thus creating the spatial world.

God does not give birth to babies. They are born through physical (horizontal) parents. Accordingly, God is the vertical True Parent of humankind and Reverend Moon, who carries the horizontal love at a ninety-degree angle to the vertical True Parent, centering on true love, stands in the position of the horizontal True Parent of humanity. The position of the True Parent represents the entire meaning of the long-awaited Savior, Messiah and Lord of the Second Advent. This position is based on the teachings of all religions and it manifests their highest purposes. When we find and attend the vertical True Parent and horizontal True Parents and produce children of true love, there is nothing more to be said. The words "True Parents" thus signify the Savior, Messiah and Lord of the Second Advent. That is why the representatives of the five great religions, saints and sages, and even those most evil and blind people in history, such as Stalin and Hitler, now in the spiritual world, have proclaimed that Reverend Moon is the Savior of humankind, the Messiah, the Lord of the Second Advent and the True Parent. They have been sending a series of resolutions from the spirit world declaring their resolve to dedicate themselves to the practice of my teachings.

For the creation of new life, the love of these two parents is absolutely necessary: One parent is our Heavenly Father, the Lord of Creation. He is the vertical and invisible True Parent. The second parent is the horizontal True Parents who have appeared on earth in a substantial body to establish the ideal of creation of the invisible True Parent. Thus, God stands as the True Parent in the position of the mind, and the horizontal True Parents stand in the position of the body.

True Parents Liberate God

Due to the Fall, the first human ancestors, Adam and Eve, failed to establish the true family, God's originating ideal of creation. In the Garden of Eden, the archangel tempted Eve, and Adam failed to overcome Eve's subsequent temptation. Thus, self-centered, false love was implanted in this world. In this way, the first human ancestors fell by means of illicit love, and this false love, which originated from Satan, is the root of the sin and misfortune of humanity.

God's providence of restoration therefore has worked first to remove the walls of conflict that have divided the human mind and body, and then to restore the true family and enlarge the global domain of true love and goodness. I began at an early stage in my life to delve into this truth and the secrets of Heaven, and for more than half a century I have consistently revealed this truth to Christians, to other religious people and to all of humankind. Without this truth, there will be no way to unite the hundreds of different religious groups and Christian denominations, and, moreover, the entire human race.

What has been the source of God's anguish? His anguish lies in the fact that despite weeping for the people and this world, He has not been able to shed tears of joy and of deep emotion for a victorious son. He longed to see His son's substantial victory. That is to say, God's anguish has persisted through history because there was never a person God could affirm as His own historically victorious son.

As humanity now enters a new era, the era after the coming of Heaven, we must enable God to perfect Himself centering on true love. This does not mean there is a part of God Himself that remains less than perfect. It means that human beings, who were created as object partners to God as the perfect subject partner, must become His perfect object partners, that is, true object partners embodying absolute values. We are responsible to resemble the True Parents, who already stand in such a position, and to become the owners of true, ideal-family love with whom God, as the subject partner, can be liberated. I made myself into a complete minus and attained such unity with God. In the same way, when the relationship between True Parents and you is that of a substantial plus and minus, you can freely reach the point of unity with God.

Even if you say you have become a family of loyal patriots, it will be of no use if your nation ceases to exist. Without a nation, a patriot has no basis upon which to establish himself in history. So, through the family, the nation must be established; through the nation, the world must be estab-

lished; and through the world, the cosmos must be established. When you secure such a position, you and your family have the value of owners of the cosmos.

Perfection of the Era After the Coming of Heaven

Ladies and gentlemen, entering the era after the coming of heaven is a time of true liberation and complete freedom that is unprecedented in history and will never be repeated in the future. It is the time for humanity to escape the garden of Eden corrupted by the Fall, covered in falsehood and evil due to the error of Adam and Eve. It is time us to rise up with a strong, desperate determination to answer Heaven's call.

You have come here to receive Heaven's command to rid yourselves of the old habits of the era before heaven and offer your entire mind and body to Heaven, so that you may establish the true universal home of Cheon Il Guk beginning with your family. This is Heaven's command that cannot be disobeyed. It is an absolute decree that you must carry out before you die by responding to Heaven as living offerings.

I have received Heaven's insight that peace is possible for the sake of the world's six billion people only when all religions and philosophies come into harmony and unity in a realm of true love that has the True Parents as its central axis. I am devoting myself more and more strongly in order to bring this about.

Under my leadership, interfaith leaders held a ceremony to crown Jesus and honor Moses and Muhammad in Jerusalem on December 22, 2003. On February 4 of this year, more such leaders held this crown of peace ceremony centering on my son, Heung-jin nim, and Jesus in Washington D.C., the capital of the United States, the second Israel. Then on March 23, they honored me, and my wife, as the world king of peace in a crown of peace ceremony held in a Senate office building on Capitol Hill. There, U.S. congressmen and religious leaders from around the world joined me. On that foundation, and to bring the process to a conclusion, today we are holding a crown of peace ceremony. In the Republic of Korea, the homeland of the providence and a country in the position of the parents, I am being honored as the true-love King of Peace.

With the designation and declaration of *Ahn Shi Il*, God no longer rests only one day a week, once every seven days. He now rests on all of the seven days, which had been lost, and also on the eighth day, which I have designated as Ahn Shi Il. He is acclaimed as the recognized True Parent of heaven who can receive joy, attendance and glory from not only the spiritual world but also from all humankind and the creation in the physical world. Now the path has been opened for the entire spirit world to be mobilized to cooperate with the physical world.

When we examine God's creation of man, we see that God, who exists in the position of the absolute subject body, created human beings and gave them the heavenly command to become His absolute object partners. Human beings fell, however, and were not able to follow that command to its fulfillment. As a result, people are blind even though their eyes appear to be open. Humankind could not even dream of finding absolute values and has relied only on relative values.

Now, however, the lives of the True Parents, spanning more than eighty years, are your living guide. You can see clearly what can be described as a life of true love. Who can possibly make excuses before the model lives of the True Parents, who have continued to give and give, and to forgive and forgive? Please realize that your life must consist of nothing other than absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

I hope that those who are determined to fulfill the three great revolutions—the revolution through indemnity, the revolution of conscience, and the revolution of heart—in their own daily lives, and open the era of true liberation and complete freedom, will join me in pledging our determination in Heaven's presence.

When you leave today, I hope that you will make good use of the gift of the heavenly fortune that I have given you. This will become the eternal tradition and family heirloom for all your families for generations to come. May God's blessings be with each and every one of you.

Thank you. ♦



True Love and True Marriage

Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk Congratulatory Banquet
Lotte Hotel, Seoul, Korea – August 21, Fourth Year of Cheon Il Guk

RESPECTED eminent world leaders, distinguished guests from Korea and abroad: First, let us offer our sincere gratitude to God, the true parent, true teacher, true king and true master of all creation, for making this day possible. From the standpoint of God's providence and history, how can we describe yesterday's event, in which we participated with one heart and accomplished victory? That event, the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom, was a victory for humanity and a joyful event for God. It surpasses any event in history and will never be equaled in the future.

On what basis can I pronounce such a bold declaration? I do so in the context of the Fall of the first human ancestors, by which humankind inherited false love, false life and false lineage and lost its relationship with God's will. Because God was in a position unrelated to the Fall, He could do nothing about this situation Himself, but had to suffer for thousands and tens of thousands of years. Yesterday's ceremony, the day of the True Parents' victory, true liberation and complete freedom, resolved God's grief. This was a holy blessing that brought heaven and earth together. We opened wide the gate through which the billions of human beings who have languished under Satan's yoke can enter the new heaven and new earth. There, humankind can receive

and attend the True Parent of Heaven and the True Parents of Earth. We can enter the time after the coming of Heaven, in which we can sing the praises of the holy age of settlement and peace.

Now is the time for you, as you enter the time after the coming of heaven, to practice Heaven's truth in your family and nation in order to prepare for your eternal life. It is time to leave behind the struggle, conflict and confrontation of the age before the coming of heaven. We can stand on the foundation of the True Parents, who are the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and establish the substantial kingdom of heaven. This realm of complementary partnership, harmony and unity, is what we call *Cheon Il Guk*.

From this perspective, I would like to take this opportunity to speak on the topic, "True Love and True Marriage." I will share one aspect of the principle of true love that I have been teaching throughout my life and that you now are to put into practice.

WHAT IS TRUE LOVE?

What is true love? It does not refer to the selfish love that is strewn about in the secular world. It is not the counterfeit love given one moment and abandoned the next. It is not self-indulgent, profligate love driven by fleshly desire. Such false love assails and violates the conscience, driving nails into the original mind.

True love on the other hand is the source of peace and spiritual order. Its nature is to honor and preserve the public tranquility. It is humanity's shared inheritance that serves the common benefit of all people. It symbolizes God's intention and power, for it is rooted in God.

True love is mysterious. The more it is given, the more plentiful it is and the greater joy it brings. True love possesses power great enough to transform the motivation, process and outcome of human life. We were created to be born in true love, raised in true love, and pass to the next world in true love. That is the reason true love has the greatest and highest value.

Through true love we can be together eternally, see each other eternally, converse with and feel each other eternally and have nothing but affection for each other. It is one love and yet all people can enjoy it together. If we consider its detail, it is extremely small; if we consider its grandeur, it is extremely huge. Immersed in true love, the mere wink of an eye can be sufficient to bring forth a joy so great as to shake heaven and earth; a single smile can make one feel superhuman power. That power is strong enough to change one's life. If you think you can see it, you cannot; if you think you cannot see it, you can. It is full of mystery.

What color is true love? Do

you suppose that at night it is black, and in daylight it is white? The central colors of true love are harmony and unity; surrounding them are peace and happiness. An atomic weapon has no power other than to destroy life. It is not a symbol of creation but of judgment and ruin. True love, by contrast, has the power of resurrection that can bring one who has died back to life. So the power to bind the world together and bring unity does not reside in the military mindset that lies behind nuclear weapons, but in true love. Each nation has its cultural background and political boundary, and true love is the only power capable of transcending these. The difficult problems humanity faces can be solved only through the perfection of true love.

Ladies and gentlemen, you must seek after true love. You must make true love your own. You must witness the perfection of true love within your own life. Where can you go to find true love?

If we first examine the manner in which true love exists, we see that it has a multi-directional character moving simultaneously north, south, east and west, and that it exists and functions in a way that transcends race, culture, religion and national boundaries. True love acts prior to life, for it is the origin of life. True love is complete in its original form and needs no development or revolution. True love is the most natural thing, possessing the highest sincerity. True love functions at a speed greater than anything in the world.

We can receive the seeds of true love only by receiving the true Holy Blessing from the horizontal True Parents.¹ They come as substantiations of God, the vertical True Parent, and thereby engraft us with God's lineage. There is no way to find true love in the Fallen world of falsehood. It is absolutely impossible. We cannot find the lineage of goodness in the human-centered world that resulted from the Fall. Only by being engrafted with the lineage of goodness through the True Parents can you find a way

to overcome the struggle between your mind and body. Taking this further, it is the only way to resolve the problems of human conflict, of religious, racial and national boundaries, and of democracy versus communism. It also opens the way to peace in the Middle East and unification on the Korean Peninsula, the two most dangerous areas of conflict in today's world. This is the reason that the change of blood lineage is an important and serious matter.

The blessing of marriage is a once-in-a-lifetime event on which the life of humanity depends. This is the precise reason that the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom, which all of us offered to Heaven in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea on August 20, was the greatest and most precious grace and blessing in your entire life.



Photos: Guests greet Father and Mother warmly during the banquet



You have now received the holy blessing from the True Parents, who have been crowned World King of Peace. You have inherited the true lineage and you have received the seed of true love.

Please never forget that you are to spend the remainder of your life on earth nurturing this seed so that it will blossom and bear fruit.

WHAT IS TRUE MARRIAGE?

Ladies and gentlemen, why do we marry? In short, it is so that we may resemble God's image. As one entity who exists with dual characteristics, God is a unified being in which opposites dwell in union. Because men and women are projections of God's divine characteristics, their destiny is to form a union as one body, become as one seed, and return to oneness with God's original character.

Let us give highest praise to the sanctity of marriage. Married life is the way for a man and a woman to love. Whom do we resemble when we become one through married life? Our goal is to resemble God. It is only when a man and a woman become one that they truly resemble God, who created them in His image. It is then, and only then, that God resides in them.

A man symbolizes heaven and a woman symbolizes earth. So it is necessary for a man and woman to come together in harmony to bring about peace. The phrase, "the union of virtue in heaven and on earth," refers to a state in which a husband and wife have accomplished perfect unity centering on Heaven's true love.

When a husband and wife embrace each other in true love, it is the equivalent of the universe becoming one body. This is the original image of creation brought into substantial reality in the context of God's ideal.

Another reason we marry is so that we can be trained to love the world and all its people. The marriage ceremony vows speak of the substantiation of love and, at the same time, the endowment of the authority to create and the authority to exercise dominion. So the purpose of marriage is to bring into oneness the realm of heart of one man, representing the world, and one woman, representing the world, so that they may perfect the love between a man and a woman. When a couple has accomplished the perfection of love and the perfection of their hearts, it can be said that they have accomplished the family ideal. If you die on this foundation, you are certain to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Why is marriage important? It is because it is the path by which we seek true love. It is because it is the path for creating life. It is because it is the path on which the lineage of a man and woman are co-mingled. Through marriage, history is made, and





on that foundation, nations are born and the ideal world can begin.

When we marry, we must do so with the conviction that we do this not for ourselves but for our partner. It is wrong for a person to try to gain a spouse on the basis of his or her high social standing, wealth or beauty. Once we realize that human beings are born to live for the sake of others, we understand that marriage, too, is for the sake of our spouse. Our view of marriage must be that if our spouse has deficiencies, we will give him or her even more love than we would if he or she were the most beautiful person in the world.

Having been born as human beings, we must be determined to love our partner as we love God, love our partner in the same way that we would love humankind, and love our partner more than we love any other person in the world. Otherwise, we cannot be restored to the kingdom of heaven as a husband and wife. If a man cannot love a woman truly, how can he expect to be able to love God or humankind?

Marriage is a ceremony by which we open the gates and enter the palace of happiness. This is why marriage is a major occasion of moral significance. Because love exists and functions transcendent of time and space, it is the most important dimension of human life, and marriage is the ceremony in which this love is brought forth and confirmed.

Respected guests, this evening I have conveyed to you one aspect of Heaven's teaching regarding true love and true marriage. Whether you participated as a newlywed couple or as an existing couple, you have now been granted Heaven's command to walk the path of a true husband and wife with Heaven's seal. By your bond with the True Parents, you have received the seed of true love, so I ask that you become true husbands and wives who produce true fruit through a true married life. Become true parents. Build true families. Establish true nations. Heavenly fortune will help you.

In closing, I sincerely ask that you lead lives in which, by practicing true love, you do everything you can to prepare for your eternal life.

Thank you.◆

Endnote (as printed in the Banquet program)

1 In Reverend Moon's thought, "horizontal" in relation to "vertical" signifies the external in relation to internal, effect in relation to cause, outer form in relation to inner essence, visible in relation to invisible, and corporeal in relation to incorporeal. Thus the vertical True Parent refers to God, and the horizontal True Parents refers to Reverend and Mrs. Moon, and to all couples on earth who attain the perfection of true love to which this speech calls us.



Announcement to Heaven

By Rev. Kwak Chung Hwan



Heavenly Father, the origin of creation and essence of true love! On this day, August 20, in the fourth year of Cheon Il Guk, at the National Assembly in the Republic of Korea, we are holding the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and

for True Liberation and Complete Freedom, which is connected to the whole world. Through this ceremony, the blessing and the grace of the special forgiveness of the Parents of the Cosmos, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind will be given to all the blessed families in heaven and on earth. We therefore ask that You personally officiate this ceremony and permit this blessing of eternal true love. In particular, as we hold this crowning of the Parents of the Cosmos, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind as the king of cosmic true love and the king of kings, we ask that You officiate this ceremony with Your glory.

With this I proclaim the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom that bestows the grace of a special privilege of cosmic and historic dimension.◆



Peace Vows



Do you pledge...

– that, as mature men and women who are to consummate the ideal of creation, you will become a true couple centered on the pure true love, true life and true lineage of Heaven?

– that you will raise your children as leaders who are needed by God and humankind, and pass on the proud tradition of True Parents to future generations?

– that you will establish the tradition of the Four Great Realms of Heart and Three Great Kingships, so as to raise an ideal family that can become a cornerstone of the building of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven?

– that you will usher in the era after the coming of heaven, which is the era of the revolution of true heart and of true liberation and complete freedom, and that you will accomplish your responsibility as the people of Cheon Il Guk in the time of the settlement of everlasting peace and tranquility?



Benediction

BELOVED Father! The thousands and ten of thousands of saints mainly consisting of Unificationists centered on the True Parents on earth and on the four great saints in the spirit world know all too well the pain of Your endeavors throughout history's long course and Your sorrowful heart throughout human history, a history of anguish.

When I was young You called me to my destiny and gave me this responsibility to complete the liberated new heaven and new earth in the future that awaits.

From that day of enlightenment in my youth, which came to me through the guidance and teachings of the spirit world along with the method of completing the path of a devoted son, the path of a patriot, the path of a saint, and the path of a family of a divine son of heaven, I spent my adolescent years, manhood, and senior years with the attitude of having one heart, one ideal and one core [focus]. Throughout the more than eighty years of my life, I have walked the path of indemnity in order to solve all these problems for the sake of Heaven.

Adam's unacceptable disobedience and failure to adapt to God's absolute command, and his union with Eve, who had lost her virginity due to the archangel's illicit temptation, brought about the total destruction of God's ideal of creation—that would have led to the establishment of the true parent centering on God, the true children, and the true nation and world—and brought God to a state of extreme grief.

All of humanity has been unaware of this. Thus they must be educated so that they understand. The impiety before heaven caused by our historical ancestors, and the walls of anguish that were erected in the [providential] eras of the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, and beyond that, the world and the cosmos must be completely cleared away. All that was lost, including the era that You envisioned as being that of the victorious kingship centering on the original family of Adam, which was Your ideal of creation, must be restored again through indemnity.

From that day, on which You commanded me to take on that responsibility, I have had to completely restore the individual path of indemnity, the path of indemnity for the family, tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos, and also the path of indemnity on earth and the path that can break down the walls of paradise and hell in the spirit world. Through this I had to restore everything that, from Your original heart, You had wanted to establish in heaven and on earth, including the foundation for blessing the families of devoted sons, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters.

True Parents, who were assigned this responsibility, have devoted their entire lives until now, enduring the path of suffering to indemnify everything. Establishing the foundation for the devoted son, patriot, saint, and the family of the divine son and daughter that You had longed for, I offer this path of suffering for the sake of creating a heaven and earth where Your almighty, all-encompassing, pervasive, and omnipotent authority centering on the good dominion of love can be present, and sincerely thank You for being able to lay the foundation for this victory in our struggles until now.

In order to restore the unified foundations of peace for the



individual, peace in the family, peace in the tribe, peace for the people, peace in the nation and peace in heaven and on earth, and create a foundation for the true nation in the spirit world centering on God, the four great saints have become one, the five religions centering on the four great saints have become one to fulfill the standard of a heaven of peace in the kingdom of heaven. This standard has unified in all directions and has now been conferred on the True Parents on earth.

True Parents have also taken on this purpose and have ushered in the age that can go beyond and liberate the path of the cross for the individual, the path

of indemnity for the individual, the path of indemnity for the family, the path of the cross for the family, the path of indemnity for the tribe, the path of indemnity for the people, the path of indemnity for the nation and the path of indemnity for the world. Through this, the law of indemnity has been withdrawn, and the aberrant lineage—created by the separation into two worlds based on the animosity between Cain and Abel—has been erased by being transformed into the good lineage. Centering on the liberated realm of Cain and Abel, the words of revolution through indemnity, revolution of conscience, and revolution of heart have been declared on earth and in heaven.

Based on the true-love revolution of heart and the realm of true liberation and complete freedom, the satanic lineage has been completely cut off, and the world before the coming of heaven has ended, centering on True Parents. With the declaration of the beginning of the world after the coming of heaven, and with the crowning of the King of Peace on earth, a structure of a nation under Your authority, uniting the heavenly nation and the earthly nation, has been established.

With this, everything has been liberated and cleared away, and the walls that were blockages on earth and in heaven have been cleared away. The proclamation to transfer the victorious authority, following the coronation ceremony for the perfected, victorious nation of the heavenly and earthly worlds, the original nation and world of victory before God, into the ideal reign of peace and prosperity of the new world of heaven, has now been achieved.

Finally, on this land, as the king of goodness, a good people centered on the king of goodness and the territory of goodness can stand on the foundation erected in heaven, representing the earth, representing all of creation in heaven and on earth, and representing the children and the nation. Thus, I truly, truly thank Heaven for this day, in which You are free to have direct dominion over the three requisites of Your sovereignty—sovereignty, people and land—thus enabling You to hold this coronation ceremony to establish the king of goodness.

Here today, I thank You for giving us this time of liberation where these participants of the blessing ceremony can be registered into the peace kingdom of Your nation, with the attendance of all nations of the world, with the opening of earth and heaven through the liberated blessing on this new earth through the True Parents who wield the liberated kingship of goodness. Let everyone be brought into Your victorious authority and Your eternal embrace. With the era of the kingdom of peace for the safe settlement of the liberated heaven and earth, let this era continue for billions of years to come. All this we offer and declare in sincerity

Observing a Turning Point in History

The Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom was an event through which God and True Parents would claim another victory against the power of evil and advance the reinstatement of the sovereignty of goodness in heaven and on earth.

The venue was the National Assembly Library in Seoul, which provided a beautiful auditorium, though relatively small for an event of such providential magnitude. The four hundred seats were reserved for invited guests, but even some of those had to stand at the back. Although many dignitaries were in attendance, the most honored and most elegantly attired guests were the international couples receiving the marriage blessing, who looked delightful in their traditional national costume. On the Korean side, invited guests included ten incumbent members of the National Assembly and twenty or thirty former members, plus representatives of provincial and city governments. The international conference delegation of religious leaders, experts from the fields of international relations, education and so forth, was also there in all its cultural diversity.

Dr. Hwang Sun-jo, our Family Federation president, who had shouldered the considerable responsibility for the success of the event despite severe time constraints and the possibility of religious opposition, took the podium as MC for the occasion—radiating warmth and goodwill, as is his way. With him, and no less radiant, was bilingual Professor Lynne Kim from Sun Moon University. Together they introduced each aspect of the ceremony, inviting those watching—whether directly in the auditorium or via the Internet in a far away country—to be part of it and to feel welcome.

The event opened with presidential advisor Professor Kim Min-ha's lecture on the prospects for peace and unification, in which he addressed the situation of the fractured Korean peninsula and made special mention of Father's prominent role in global peace efforts. These were the subject of the video presentation that followed, and True Parents' providential initiatives seemed all the weightier as one watched through the eyes of the guests in that auspicious location.

Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan then came forward to read Father's speech, "Declaration of the Advent of the Revolution of True Heart and the Era of True Liberation and Complete Freedom," which permitted poignant insight into True Parents' philosophy of life and the unfolding providence. Father's unique role and position in God's providence was clearly enunciated.

An elegant awards presentation honored deserving champions of peace who have built bridges to help their fellow men. The awardees included Nigerian traditional chief Olusegun Olusola—founder of the African Refugees Foundation, and former U.S. congressman Rev. Walter Fauntroy. One felt that God was celebrating the good works inspired by the original mind and the hope this portends. Three international dignitaries with a close relationship to Father and his work then spoke with deep sincerity in nominating him to be recognized as the King of Peace.

When True Parents entered the auditorium, walking sedately down the stairs from the back, they were greeted and then preceded by religious leaders representing many faiths. They took their seats in the center of the stage.

Rev. Kwak's official announcement before Heaven was a prayer that God would Himself officiate the proceedings.

True Parents stood, and were presented first with the robes and then the crowns of peace by leaders of religion and government (including a former Korean national assemblyman and the founding president of the Seychelles). Hyo-jin nim and Yun-ah nim helped them with the robes and gently placed the crowns on their heads. In this serene atmosphere, the King of Peace was thus acknowledged.

True Parents then asked everyone to affirm the Peace Vows. These were not only for the newly-engaged couples in the audience (and the concurrent ceremony at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center), but also for the many couples participating by Internet around the world. Moreover, they were for the blessing and forgiveness of all humankind. Everyone responded with a loud "Ye!" from within the auditorium and surely from wherever in the world they were watching.

Finally, Father as the King of Peace, gave his benediction to seal the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for all people. ♦



Plaque of Nomination

Whereas Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who are Savior, Messiah, Lord of the Second Advent, and True Parents as testified by the five great saints in spirit world through the declaration of God's resolution, unswervingly have followed the will of Heaven in investing their entire lives for the sake of restoring the ideal world of the original ideal that is God's cherished desire;

Whereas they have established the value system of absolute love that is the basis for harmony and unification and made it clear that a subject partner can perfect its position as the owner of love only through its object partner; and whereas they have with blood, sweat, and tears, as well as original absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience, totally indemnified and resolved sinful human history that began with the original human ancestors committing the fall by means of Satan's false love; and

Whereas, as humanity's true teachers, true owners, and true kings who are the substantial object partners to God's true love, Rev. and Mrs. Moon have established the victorious foundation of the crowning of God's kingship and the kingship of blessed families, proceeded through the age of true liberation and complete freedom, and built the foundation for Cheon Il Guk for the advent of the safe settlement of the kingship of peace and the era of peace and tranquility.

We therefore, on this cosmically historic day of special forgiveness on the occasion of the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom, bring together the hearts of gratitude and adoration of the five great saints and of all blessed families in the spirit world and all blessed families on earth to nominate Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon as the eternal True Love King of Peace.

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Hon. Lee Chul-seung

Former Congressman, Republic of Korea

Respected dignitaries from at home and abroad have gathered here: I am standing before you at this podium with overwhelming emotion, which is difficult for me to control.

So many memories are flashing back like streetlights. I used to visit this National Assembly Building regularly while I was striving to liberate the North Koreans through a free and peaceful unified South and North Korea. During the past several decades, I have busied myself at this podium, and on the streets.

I also remember other incidents: During the Japanese occupation, I fought Koiso¹, a Japanese governor-general who drove young Korean students into war to be killed in battle. I was eventually caught by the Japanese authorities and press-ganged into the army by them.

When, on August 15, 1945, we finally welcomed the day of liberation, I returned to my homeland from Japan by ship. Soon after my return, I found that there was a struggle between two ideologies, that of the right wing and that of the left. In such a chaotic situation, I spent my younger years working for the establishment of the Republic of Korea, standing on the front line against trusteeship and against communism.

Soon afterwards, we experienced the Korean War, during which we lost so many people.

I became part of the April 19th Movement², as one of its main leaders, for the realization of democracy and freedom against the dictatorship of that time. However, this was suppressed by the May 16th Revolution³ the following year. As a result, I had to live a life of political exile in America for ten years. I then returned to the world of politics in Korea and worked on reestablishing an opposition party. I invested myself totally for the reunification of South and North Korea through peaceful means. When looking back on my life, I cannot help asking the question: What have I been doing with my life so far?

This nation is still unable to overcome the deep valley of division between South and North, and the democratic nation of peace and freedom that I have so desperately striven to help build is still so far from being realized. Nevertheless, the government is confusing our people regarding the identity of the Republic of Korea, their nation, and young people are left alone to be manipulated by those who are rubbing shoulders with North Korea while accepting the communist ideology, and who are against the United States.

Where is this nation heading? My heart aches even more than before. I have a feeling of emptiness and I am deeply concerned for my nation.

In the midst of such despair, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the central personage of today's event, appeared in front of me as a ray of hope. The path that he has been walking is so amazing that it is even mysterious, beyond human comprehension.

During his life, like many Koreans, Rev. Moon also experienced the darkness of the Japanese occupation, the liberation on August 15, 1945,

the Korean War, the division of this peninsula, and so forth. However, during the twentieth century, when mankind strove for globalization, he truly succeeded in this—bringing all peoples and races of the world together.

He is now 85 years old, which is not a young age by any means. Yet, he is presenting us a vision for a world of peace, and he is encouraging us to join him, standing and leading us from the front line.

His teachings reach across the barriers of race, religion and nationality, and they profoundly touch our hearts. This is something that we here are all very well aware of.

In particular, we Koreans, who are living on this peninsula, have paid such a heavy price, going through the occupation by Japan, liberation from that, the chaotic and tragic division of our land, the Korean War, an ideological war, the cold war—all of which took place during the twentieth century. Thus, we are yearning for a world of peace more desperately than are any other people in the world. The fact that the Rev. Moon came from such a nation as ours is indeed a clear indication that God is looking after us.

Rev. Moon has been incarcerated six times during the course of his life. This demonstrates the kind of sacrificial and suffering life he has lived. Nevertheless, he has overcome all the ordeals and tribulations, and he has come to us as a victorious saint in the present time.

Rev. Moon's teachings are brought to fruition through his movement for the realization of world peace through true families. Through this, we feel hope that some day all humanity can be united as one, without barriers of nationality, religion or race.

Rev. Moon is bringing reconciliation into the world of conflict and strife in the Middle East. He is also guiding South and North Korea to the path of peace through true love and truth. His contributions to the world and humankind are too many to count. And I dare to say that no one in the world can surmount him in lofty idealism and practical efforts for the ideal.

I am truly thankful to Rev. Moon, who has sacrificed himself for world peace more than any other person, and thus, I would like to offer words of deepest comfort and appreciation to him. At the same time, I would also like to present to you a proposal that we offer him the Crown of Peace for his most remarkable contributions to world peace and to humankind.

I believe that the interreligious, international, interracial movement for world peace led by Rev. Moon is the most viable movement—the only movement—that can realize global peace for all humankind.

Hence, until world peace is realized on earth, let us be united as one, and actively participate in the great work of Rev. Moon for world peace.

Thank you very much.◆

1 Koiso Kuniaki, governor-general of Korea June 15, 1942—July 22, 1944

2 Student demonstrations that brought about the resignation of Syngman Rhee as president of South Korea.

3 A coup that brought to power a clique of military men from which Park Chung-hee eventually emerged as president of South Korea.



H.E. Stanislav Shushkevich

Former Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of Belarus

In December 1991 I was the first signatory on the Belovesky Accords, together with President Yeltsin of Russia and President Kravchuk of Ukraine. This document effectively ended the Soviet Union and created the Commonwealth of Independent States. At the time of signing those accords, we could not have imagined the changes that would take place in the succeeding years. Yet, after meeting Dr. Moon, I have come to understand that already in 1985 he had organized a conference in Geneva, Switzerland, entitled "The Collapse of

the Soviet Empire." In this conference he brought together scholars and experts to discuss the peaceful transition into a post-Soviet era....

In addition to the countless accomplishments of Dr. and Mrs. Moon on the world level, I would like to testify to their positive influence on the former Soviet Union. Young people there who have come into contact with Dr. Moon's Unification Movement have found new hope and vision for their lives. And through the expansion of the Ambassadors for Peace program, leaders in society are being inspired with a vision based on the concept of living for the sake of others....

Dr. and Mrs. Moon, you are unsurpassed champions of peace, and we invite you to take the position of King and Queen of True Love and Peace.◆



Welcoming the King of Peace

Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan speaks on Sunday, August 22, 2004, at Sun Moon University's Asan Campus

Following the success of the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk, including the King of Peace Ceremony, on August 20, a celebration meeting for 21,000 members was held at Sun Moon University on the Sunday immediately following. Before Father spoke, Rev. Kwak explained the significance of the August 20 ceremony. We are including his speech in English for the benefit of all members worldwide.

Respected leaders from around the world, ladies and gentlemen, beloved brothers and sisters: On August 20, at the National Assembly, we held the moving Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom, and True Parents' Crown of Peace Ceremony.

We all took part in this event of cosmic, historic significance, and today we find ourselves at this blessed event, where, in attendance to our True Parents, the True Children, including the commander-in-chief in heaven, Heung-jin nim, and with representatives of the entire spiritual world, we are celebrating True Parents being crowned the king and queen of peace.

There is no way to express our gratitude to True Parents, who have achieved victories never before seen in history, for guiding us even though we were ignorant of the true meaning and significance of these events and the magnitude of the grace that we received.

Since the Fall—committed by our first ancestors, who were created as the children of God, who is the origin of true love, true life and true lineage—mankind has for generations propagated false love, false life and false lineage that have nothing to do with God. If our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, had not fallen, they would have accomplished God's purpose of cre-

ation, become true parents, true teachers and true kings and passed the world of the original ideal on to all the generations that followed them.

God's providence for the salvation of mankind has been one of restoring mankind to the original state that was lost by our first ancestors. Since man fell under the dominion of Satan, where God could not directly relate to us, this providence has been brought to fulfillment not through God's power but through the True Parents and Messiah, who come as the restoration of the first human ancestors.

With a grieving heart from having lost His children, the God of true love was confined to a powerless state and had to spend countless years without any freedom. The providence to recover the king of peace, who is the true parent, true teacher, true owner and true king, was brought to fulfillment only through the Messiah.

As the five religious leaders in the spiritual world have testified in accordance with the declaration of God's resolution, Reverend Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon are the Savior, Messiah, Lord of the Second Advent and True Parents. They have dedicated their entire lives to practicing true love, investing themselves completely in accordance with the will of Heaven to restore the ideal, originally intended world,



which is God's cherished desire.

Shedding blood, sweat and tears and through original, absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, True Parents have comprehensively indemnified and resolved all of human evil and our history of struggle, which resulted from the Fall.

In order to pay complete indemnity for and bring to a close the time before the coming of heaven, during which the world was evil, True Parents had to go through a course to achieve victory on eight levels, both vertically and horizontally, to remove all bases for Satan's accusation. Though no one knew, True Parents pioneered a lonely path in order to drive away Satan's accusations and the bases for them. Because Satan never gives ground without extracting a price, they had to endure suffering and sacrifices of such magnitude that they can be comprehended only by God, and God alone is able to comfort them for these.

Father has revealed the fundamental principles underlying the nature of God, humanity and the cosmos. On the foundation of this, Father established the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. As the first stage, he carried out religious activities aimed at educating and recreating human character and human nature. On that foundation, he and Mother began a movement for pure love and true families, and then went on to create a movement for world peace. Today, their focus and activities encompass the entire world. Particular attention should be given to the fact that all these activities transcend the narrow views of religious bodies and denominations, and transcend race and nationality. Their core philosophy has been one that promotes harmony and unification.

Their work over the past fifty years, encompassing activi-

ties focused on education and the ministry, pure love and true families, and a movement to bring about a world of peace can only be described as miraculous. Even more amazing is the fact that they live their lives with God always as their central axis and in relationship with the spiritual world, which is the causal world. In every instance, the focus of their lives has been God's will and His desire. They have no time to be concerned about what people in the world at large may think about them, or about public opinion. They have devoted every ounce of their energy to bringing about the true liberation and complete freedom of God, who has lived in the greatest sorrow and suffering as a result of losing His children through the Fall.

In 2001, True Parents dedicated to Heaven the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God. Through that, they finally brought about the day of God's true liberation and complete freedom. This was when the time of the coming of God's direct dominion began. Then in December 2003, a crown of peace ceremony was held for Jesus in Jerusalem in order to resolve the grief in Jesus' heart over the Jewish people. Then, linking this to the United States, which is the second Israel, a crown of peace ceremony was held centered on Heung-jin nim and Jesus on February 4, in Washington, D.C. On that foundation, they then performed a world-level crown of peace ceremony in a Senate office building on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. on March 23. On that occasion, leaders of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam from around the world and members of the United States Congress and other leaders gave their unanimous support to presenting Rev. and Mrs. Moon with a world-level King of Peace award.

Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon have appeared on earth as true parents, true teachers, true owners and true kings who

have fulfilled their responsibilities in accordance with God's will. The ceremony on August 20 took place on this foundation. True Parents completed the process by receiving crown of peace awards as humanity's eternal true-love King of Peace—in Korea, the home nation of the providence and the parent country.

People think of a king as an external ruler who exercises power. Dominion that is exercised according to God's original ideal, however, is not based on power or physical strength. Perfect dominion, ideal dominion, is exercised through true love. The

King of Peace is a subject partner who gives joy, satisfaction, the delight of true life and happiness to his object partners.

Please do not think of this crowning of the King of Peace in the context of presidents, prime ministers or kings of this world, who cling to their small territories and borders. God's eternal sovereignty, the eternal heaven of God's desire, Cheon Il Guk, the nation of true love under the king of true love and peace, is not a sovereignty bound by the confines of national borders or restricted territories. He is the king of all kings, unrestricted by earthly borders. He is the master of the kingship of love and peace, which reigns over not only the earth but also heaven, which is the original world and the world of the subject partner.

Further, do not think of this sovereignty as one that is limited to a term of office like a presidency, which lasts just four or five years. Do not connect this king to the kings and emperors of this world. They are the king and queen of peace, the truly loving subject partners, who will bestow eternal joy and happiness on man and creation as the king of tranquility, the everlasting king who will reign for eternity based on God's heart of creation and His ideal of true love. Please engrave this in your hearts as you offer congratulations today.

Throughout history, people have been unable to escape from the realm of Satan's false love. We have eagerly awaited the day of our liberation. We did not realize, however, that our liberation could come only after God could be made free, His grief resolved and the heart of True Parents liberated.

On August 20, True Parents, who have dedicated their entire lives to accomplishing God's true liberation and complete freedom and to saving fallen man, carried out the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for Total Liberation and Complete Freedom. The purpose of one aspect of this was to resolve God's grief, return the original glory to Him and accomplish the true love of His original ideal. From another perspective, the ceremony was to give all humankind a special pardon, so that we can be registered in Cheon Il Guk, which is the realm of the dominion of God's true love. Mankind should never forget that this eternal blessing and grace was included in this ceremony.

According to the principles of true love that



are taught by our True Parents, the owner and subject partner of love is not determined and perfected by his own status but becomes the owner of true love through his object partner. God cannot be liberated or become the owner of true love on earth without man as the object partner of His true love. Thus, although as fallen people we were doomed to be sinful, God could not abandon us and has been working hard until this day. Because of the anguish and tribulations that arose from the mistake of Adam and Eve, who were supposed to be the first True Parents and true ancestors,

the Parents of Heaven and Earth, who have come as our True Parents and true ancestors, have been going through this course of suffering, indemnity and sacrifice to bring all these things into order again.

As we sit here today, please remember that God, the invisible True Parent, is the one who is the happiest and most joyful for this crowning of our True Parents as the king and queen of true love and peace. Furthermore, we are blessed with the opportunity to receive this providential grace today, even though we do not understand its significance and meaning. Applauding our True Parents, the king and queen of peace, is not enough to adequately thank them for this special pardon and grace they have bestowed upon us as they opened the path for us to register as the object partners of love in the eternal Cheon Il Guk and as they cleared away the sin, anguish and tribulations that cannot be expressed in words. We can only bow our heads in gratitude before the wonderful blessing and grace that True Parents, who have achieved unprecedented victories, have afforded us.

Respected leaders from around the world, beloved brothers and sisters, ladies and gentlemen: In his speech during the congratulatory banquet last night with the international leaders, Rev. Moon explained that we have moved from the time prior to the coming of heaven, which was filled with conflict and confrontation, into the time after the coming of heaven, when the substantial heaven of co-prosperity, harmony and unification, will be built. Rev. Moon gave important guidance on true love and true marriage as values that each person should practice in his or her life from now on. We should open our eyes to the history and principles of this cosmic providence, which brought about the cosmic crowning of the King of Peace, along with the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom.

Respected guests, the time after the coming of heaven is a time when eternal freedom, equality, peace and happiness will settle on earth. It is fundamentally different from the time before the coming of heaven.

Our mission and the responsibility that remains is to understand how we can be completely liberated from the old habits, fallen nature and concepts that remain in our minds



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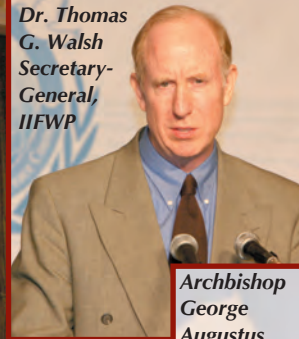
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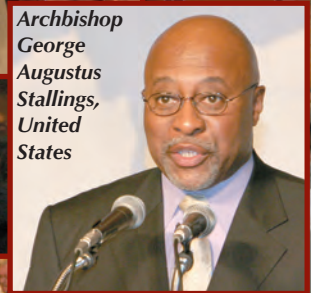
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from the time before the coming of heaven, and how to make our mind and body, family, race, people, nation and world adapt themselves to and align with the principles of true love in the time after the coming of heaven. All the crime, hypocrisy, self-centered power, materialism, violence, conflict and struggle that are connected to the time before the coming of heaven will no longer hold sway over us, and will disappear. Only God's authority as the king of peace, emanating from true love and the truth within His heart, will exercise dominion in the world. A time of peace will come about that is centered on true love and the truth that arises from our hearts. A new era is beginning, when true families connected to each other through true hearts and a true lineage will be substantially realized in Cheon Il Guk, the kingdom of peace.

It is now our responsibility, as the children of the True Parents—the Parents of the Cosmos, the Parents of Heaven and

Earth and the Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind—to bring about three great revolutions in our daily lives, that is, revolution through indemnity, revolution of conscience and revolution of heart. Let us perfect the character of a true parent and establish a true family.

Respected guests, once more let us applaud, with a heart of respect and gratitude, Rev. and Mrs. Moon, who have

become the king and queen of true love and peace in the cosmos. Let us now take on central roles in the time after the coming of heaven by living centered on the absolute value system of true love, which is the center of Cheon Il Guk, of harmony and of unification. I hope that you will spread this priceless blessing to your tribes, people, nations and the world and continue to practice the principles of true love and true marriage.

Though I am unworthy, I would like to conclude my address by offering my appreciation to all of you. Thank you.◆



"Rally to Welcome the
Crowning of the King of Peace"

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The Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom was held at 10 o'clock in the morning until just after 12 noon on August 20 at the National Assembly Library in Seoul. The National Assembly complex is located in Yoido, just south of the Han River.



The Korean National Assembly Building (green dome) and Library (adjacent front right)

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Photos: center, recognition of the King of Peace was central to the August 20 ceremony; very top, commemorative photos with True Parents — left, with the participating religious leaders from various faiths; center, with distinguished Korean guests; right, with the newly-engaged couples being joined as husband and wife; middle right, the royal robes are presented to True Parents; middle left, the crowns are presented; above right, former congressman Lee Chul-seung receives a peace award from Rev. Kwak; above left, presentation of the plaque of nomination; bottom center, the audience, showing the international delegation and some of the young couples representing both the first and second generation and the world's nations.



Transforming the World with the Culture of Heart

Excerpts from Hyun-jin nim's speech at the
14th World University Students Assembly
July 25, 2004 Cheonan, Korea

YOU have to know how to dream. When we think about the founding of CARP, the founding of the Unification Church and the Family Federation for World Peace, there was nothing in the beginning. If we were transported back forty years and we stood looking at the things around us, we would see nothing except a handful of people. All the things that materialized as time progressed were in the heart, the spirit, the imagination, conviction and dedication of those few that had gathered.

From a providential standpoint, we have entered the stage in which we need to build a nation of Cheon Il Guk. We need to substantiate that ideal on earth, so that it no longer is a concept but becomes a reality for the world to see. Amen? No-men? How many people are in this auditorium today? Twelve hundred? If that was the dream of all of us, why couldn't that come to pass?

When we talk about one world—when we talk about one Korea—based on the culture of heart, true love, why couldn't that happen? Only unimaginative minds, only those who are not willing to dream, who are not willing to risk themselves for something larger than themselves would never realize this dream. Yet if you want to be a leader, if you want to be somebody who can transform history—rewrite the pages of history as we move forward—you must stimulate

your hopes, stimulate your dreams, stimulate your aspirations and aspire for great things. I explained in the CARP convention—I forget which one it was, last year or three years ago—I spoke of the greatest dream of all. We all have aspirations on many different levels. It all leads to one apex goal. What is that one apex goal? That one apex goal is the one that resonates with God. I explained that that goal is to create one world under God.

What is the difference between the Unification Church and Family Federation for World Peace and all the different denominations of the world? If all the religions are professing the existence of one divine being or one divine source of humanity, what is the difference? I will tell you what the difference is: Our perspective of Heavenly Father is very intimate. God truly is the parent of mankind, not some omnipotent being that does not want to have a relationship with humanity but wants just to wallow in His glory. God is not some being looking at how the history of mankind is unfolding in some detached manner. He is intimately involved in humanity. God wants to be reunited with men, or humanity, in a relationship that is more intimate.

If we look at all the different kinds of relationship through which we as people associate or relate to other people, those relationships that are closest we usually highlight by describing the relationship

using a familial term, do we not? Do we or do we not? When we have a good friend, we say, “He’s like a real brother,” or “That guy is like a real older brother.” When we look at someone older, we say, “He’s like a father to me” or “She’s like my mother.” We sometimes say, “That kid is like my own child,” right? You see people who are closest to you as your family. Why? Because those are the deepest among human relationships. They’re the hottest relationships, right? Don’t we use familial terms to represent the closest relationships? Why is that? In our experience of love in interacting with others, those familial relationships are rooted in true love and rooted in blood. Therefore, they embody the closest form of relationship that we experience in our lives.

Now, think about God. If human beings were designed by God in the image of God to be the love partners of God, what type of relationship do you think God desires? Do you think God desires a master—servant relationship? A teacher—pupil relationship? Or a friendly relationship? God wants to experience the joy, the fulfillment and the love that can only be experienced in the deepest of all relationships, which is familial. That is the intimacy of relationship that God desires. That is why those who carry the culture of heart are those who embody the character of God, because that is God’s nature; that is the spark of the Divine that separates mankind from animals. That you can share in that divinity only comes from possessing the dignity of being able to embody that character of true love.

...You know what? I love climbing mountains. Do you like that? You should climb to the top of a mountain where there is nothing. Have you ever slept up there? Without a tent? Without a sleeping bag? When it’s snowing? Don’t do that. I did that a couple of times, but that was crazy. When I look at young people—as a father—doing crazy things, I become worried. When I think of it, because I’ve had that experience—it was so cold that you can’t sit. That’s why you have to sit like this, crouching. And you have to sleep like that. It is so cold that your feet and hands start freezing, but because I am so stubborn, I didn’t make a fire. I’m so stubborn that it doesn’t matter if I die. It is such a challenge. It’s so challenging that I can’t even begin to talk about it to you young people. STF, fundraising, how hard is that? It’s meeting total strangers and talking to them. What’s so hard about that compared to survival?

So everything comes into perspective. No matter how much a person suffers, if the mind can find something fun or interesting in

that, it is not suffering. It’s fun. You young kids, have you ever thought that way? Or is suffering just suffering to you? Try it. Don’t think it is hard. Change your attitude, then your suffering will not be suffering. Try it. That is mind over body. The mind is the subject and the body is the object. That’s why, when I see young people, I think it’s great that they go through challenges. If I want to designate a number one person, that person has to go through challenges. Am I right, or are you just listening to a crazy man? Now you [Kim Young-jun] can explain to the Western kids. Explain to them. I’m going to get a drink. Hey, you know—teamwork, right? Explain to the non-Korean-speaking kids while I get a drink.

Wow, we are crazy. One more time: Amen? No-men? [Amen!] Oh, good energy, very good. Try it. When you face a challenge in

life, don’t think about that challenge as being difficult, but think of it as fun. It’s exciting; it’s stimulating, and then you know what? That challenge is no longer a challenge; it becomes a friend.

There, Mr. Kim Bong-tae, please stand up! *Ajoshi*, you will go hunting with me in Alaska, right? You went hunting [with me] once. Did you think it was fun? Or was it scary? Do you want to go again or not? You suffered, but do you want to go through the suffering again?

That’s why I like young people. Young people must answer this way if you are asked, “Do you want to suffer again?”: You have to say, “Yes, I want to go through that suffering again!” And when I say young people, even though you might be old, if your heart is young, I’d say you are a young person. Whether you are a young person or an old person, in my definition, has nothing to do with age. Young people are people who like to dream, who like to grow through challenge, and so forth, because that is how you grow. Old people are those who do not like challenge, who do not want to grow, who do not want to be stimulated. I know many people young in age whom I would classify as old.

So to only the young people out there—if I put you through a challenge, would you want to go and face that challenge over and over again? Yes or no? I cannot hear you. [Yes!] Really? You want to face challenge again? That is why I like young people.

I’ve deviated from my subject. What were we talking about? One world, one Korea and transforming the world through the culture of heart. What have we accomplished to this point? We’ve established that to dream, to have passion and conviction for something greater

than one’s self, is something that one should aspire to. In essence, this is what CARP is about. Yet, CARP is not an organization that is merely inspirational. No, no, no. We have a purpose. We want to aspire to fulfill the greatest dream of all, yes or no? What is that greatest dream? To build one world under God. How do we build that one world under God? Through the power of true love. How do we harness the power of true love? Through the individual transformation of all of you, where you become true subjects that inspire true objects, be it

an individual, group, campus or the world. And you will harness the power of true love through living for the sake of others. Amen? No-men? [Amen!] Then those who aspire to be champions of true love that lead this world to one unified, peaceful world, stand up and say mansei!◆



This year World CARP Convention included service activities in rural communities



Ultimately Empowered

A second generation brother's testimony about relating with God
Naokimi Ushiroda, U.S.A.

Throughout my involvement with public missions through STF and CARP, I was asked the question, “What keeps you going?” I always had trouble answering, because the answer that people expected wasn’t in my heart. It wasn’t God or True Parents; it was more like a vision, a vision to restore the world. This is what drove me; and until some recent experiences, I thought that this vision was enough to lead a public life. This testimony is about how my understanding of what drives me to continue to lead a public life grew.

Through the support of WCARP, WCARP USA and the local full-time CARP Philadelphia team, what started out earlier this year as an idea ended up being realized as the first Forty-Day Collegiate Witnessing Leadership Training Program (CWLTP). The theme of the program was *To embody the culture of heart and transform campus culture throughout America*. It was the first student initiated program to train second-generation members that are college student to witness on campus. It started on May 26 and ended on America’s Independence Day, July 4. There were sixteen participants who attended the whole forty days and six others who attended part of the time. It started off with seven days of education through fundraising, followed by ten days of fundamental witnessing education, culminating in twenty-one days of pioneer witnessing, team by team on four separate campuses throughout Philadelphia.

During the ten days of core witnessing education, we had the chance to have a long prayer at the beach, during which I shared with God all the challenges that I was facing—everything from how to accomplish my goals to the long-unanswered question of what drove me to keep going. The answer came back very clearly: “I am the fruit of history. This is my mission and identity as a member of the second generation—to further God’s providence.” God asked me who would carry on my responsibility if I were to leave it. All the effort and sacrifices throughout history had been made so that I could stand in this position right now. I knew that this was part of my identity as a member of the second generation, and so I recommitted myself to going this way.

My goal for this program was to successfully witness to one spiritual child and to learn to be a good mentor. During the twenty-one days of pioneer witnessing, I had the opportunity to do both. One of the members on my team became angry and refused to go witnessing. In order to accomplish my goals, I knew I had to deal with this situation, but I had no idea how to do so. As I reflected on the situation, I realized that I had had many experiences similar to this, where a sister on my team—especially one I had a very close relationship with—would end up resenting me with a passion. I seriously prayed for an answer to this problem, and I realized that my members were not feeling God’s love through me. Because I was not motivated by God’s love, they could not feel it either. Although as an individual I was able to keep going on the vision of fulfilling God’s dream of creating an ideal world, as a mentor, vision alone was not effective at motivating my members. This was the limitation that I had had. In the past, I had been satisfied with my relationship with God, and

that’s why I had overlooked this limitation. I decided that my goal for the rest of the program was to develop a personal, heart-to-heart relationship with God.

Now that I knew that I needed to develop my relationship with God, the next question was “how?” I remembered that Mito-san, who was one of the main lecturers for the forty-day training course, once advised us that in order to develop our relationship with God, we needed to think about God constantly. So I tried to constantly think about God. During one of the team activities where we wrote down the Godly qualities that we saw in each other, I realized that I experience God whenever there is unity centered on Him. The four-position foundation that I’d heard about so many times before became much more real. However, it was only later that I realized how I experience God most powerfully.

Every night during the final twenty-one days of pioneer witnessing, one of the participants would give a testimony about how God had been working in his or her life. One night, it was my turn. Strangely enough, afterwards I felt very empty and dissatisfied. I realized it was because I had done a horrible job testifying to God. My testimony was all about what I had realized and what I done in my life, instead of what God had done. This forced me to think more deeply about when I had genuinely experienced God, and it dawned on me that it was at points in my life where I took a leap of faith, where I had to depend on God for something to happen.

So I decided to take a leap of faith by resolving to witness to someone who had a closer relationship to God than I do, and through that person, to develop a closer personal relationship with God. It was a very humble feeling, because I knew that I could not do this on my own, that determination alone was not going to work. I put myself in a position where I had to leave room for God to work. On the last day of witnessing, I came back to the center disappointed that I hadn’t been able to meet such a person. I was reflecting on my failure, when one sister, Hanako Ikeno, was sharing her testimony about how God had been working in her life. As I listened, two main lessons jumped out at me. The first was about having the attitude of including God in everything I do: Always asking God, “Can we do this together?” The second lesson was that her strongest motivational factor could be expressed as “It’s about family.” These two things were exactly what I felt I were missing. Hanako was the one that I was looking for, the person who had a more personal relationship with God. God was speaking to me through Hanako, telling me that I needed to invite Him to join me in everything I did and that I needed to feel that everyone around me is part of the same family that God wants to restore.

To sum up my forty-day experience, I would have to say that it was empowering. Not only was I reminded of my original drive for public life, which was a sense of mission to save this world, but God also revealed to me a more powerful source of inspiration: Feeling in my heart that it’s about family and knowing that God wants to be included in everything that I do. By taking a leap of faith, I was shown these things, and I felt deeply in my heart that by keeping these things in mind, there was nothing I could not accomplish together with God. ♦



Reporting to God During the Forty-day Workshop

The following content is an excerpt from Daemo nim's speech on July 21, 2004, to participants of the blessed wives forty-day workshop.

DURING the forty days of the workshop, we report to God and True Parents everyday at Jeongshim Won prayer hall. Based on our reports, they remove evil spirits from our bodies during holy song sessions. If the knots are too tight to be untied at once, Heavenly Father, along with our absolute good ancestors, strives to untie them during our lives. That is why you must pray at Jeongshim Won hall each morning after coming back from the holy ground and after each holy song session. Whenever you have time, you must go to Jeongshim Won hall and offer prayers reporting to God.

"Heavenly Father! I received the blessing, and I have lived this way until now. My husband has lived this way until now. Our children have lived this way until now. During our lives, we suffered through this and that, and we were also blessed with this and that." In this way, you must report everything in detail.

Heavenly Father spoke thus: **"You must report everything to me. You must confess everything. You must report everything you did before you registered and became owners of Cheon Il Guk. I turned my eyes away from all evil acts committed by the blessed families. That is why you must report everything that has happened in your lives from the time you were blessed until now during the forty days you are here."**

When participants come to Jeongshim Won hall to report during the course of their forty days, I have observed, based on the contents of the prayers, that some participants do not report everything in detail. They think, "Heavenly Father knows everything, so there's no need to report everything." But you must report everything in detail. Only then can He clear away everything during holy song sessions.

So all of you must report everything during the forty days you are here. You should also make a resolution as to how you will conduct yourselves from this day forward. You must get rid of your fallen nature and rid yourselves of envy, jeal-



ousy, anger, hatred, falsehood, greed, selfishness and arrogance. Husbands and wives should not fight and should become one with their children. At the same time, you must stay away from drinking, smoking and using drugs; you must not trample on the hearts of other people; you must not use public money for your private needs; and you must not be lustful. You must not feel lust towards other women and other men. Only when you achieve this, and become families that can serve God and True Parents with absolute faith, can you live in oneness with God.

I hope you will all make families that will live in happiness and be prosperous, and form societies, nations, a world and cosmos that will flourish forevermore. ♦



Photos: Aspects of the forty-day workshops held at Cheongpyeong this summer. Many second generation members took advantage of school vacation time.

Correction: in the previous issue, the caption on page 10 should have referred to the occasion as the "Special Works" rather than the "Wish Prayer Gathering" (which refers to a special ceremony to offer one's wishes to God)



An Extraordinary Match



Usami Takashi & Lee Soon-hyung were blessed in the International Blessing of 400 Million Couples, Fifth Phase in Korea. Lee Soon-hyung describes their unusual engagement by True Parents and the beginnings of their relationship.

To this sudden question When Do You Feel God?

tion from my fiancé, I abruptly answered, "Every day." When I answered, he looked at me with

great respect. Even at that time, I was with God. Even as my fiancé flooded me with admiration, I felt God with me. Though I wasn't aware of it at the time, I'm sure that God is intimately familiar with me and residing in the deepest place in my heart. At that moment, I felt God was making His presence known to me by speaking through my fiancé. He had manifested Himself through Utami Takashi.

On July 26, 2004, at the Yu Gwan Sun Gymnasium in Cheonan, I was blessed with my Japanese partner. This blessing was the culmination of a dramatic process. I would like to share the story.

A week before the blessing ceremony, I heard news about my blessing that I wasn't expecting at all. By saying it was unexpected, I don't mean that I was not prepared to be blessed; I was just painfully aware that it would be difficult to find an appropriate spouse because of my age. Having searched for a spouse for over two years, I wasn't expecting one to be found in a period of a week. Yet, I experienced that great things can happen in a short period of time, and that great works can manifest very quickly.

I received a call from True Parents' Hannam-dong residence one day in June. For an ordinary member like me, getting a call from Hannam-dong is very sobering. The gist of this call, which I took with great caution, was that I should send a picture of myself to Yeosu. I was told that Mother was asking for my picture to personally find a spouse for my blessing. I had gone to hoondokhae at Hannam-dong in May, and, through an extraordinary chance from heaven, I was able to speak with True Parents. At that time, True Mother took care of me and expressed concern about my age as if I were her own daughter. Still, for a number of reasons, she was not able to think of an adequate person for me—for which she expressed deep regret. Yet, a month later, Mother had not forgotten me and asked for my picture in order to find a match for me. This is a great honor.

Nevertheless, finding a match for me

was not an easy task. Time went by and it was a week before the blessing ceremony. I naturally had given up any expectations of being in this year's blessing. Despite my lack of expectation, God and True Parents called me to fill a historic, providential position. My partner is a first generation Japanese member. In the history of the Unification Church, back to True Parents' Holy Wedding in 1960, this is the first blessing ceremony that has had couples comprising a first- and a second-generation member. I cannot explain the exact providential significance of this blessing, because it cannot be understood from man's shallow perspective, yet I can surmise that this blessing held tremendous significance.

There were a total of three couples, special matches across the border between the first and second generations in this blessing ceremony. A common factor among them is that the grooms were all first-generation Japanese men and the brides were all second-generation women. True Parents, who have called us couple number one, couple number two and couple number three, matched these couples directly. Couple number one was matched in Hannam-dong in February. Couple number two was matched in the same manner in June. And I was matched a week before the blessing ceremony. From what I heard, True Parents had ordered that a good person be found among the Japanese

members for couple number three. This is truly a great honor.

My fiancé, who was selected in this way, is indeed invaluable. I met him for the first time the day before the blessing. While other second-generation couples were having intimate conversations, we just exchanged awkward smiles with our eyes. Among all the second-generation couples, we alone were going through the traditional, “primitive” blessing procedure. At first it was frustrating, because we didn’t speak the same language, but in time we found our own way of communicating. The frustration I felt from the inability to communicate was God’s heart of frustration at man’s not hearing Him no matter how many times He calls. I was actually grateful to experience this frustration.

Early in the morning on the day of the blessing, the Holy Wine Ceremony was held for these three special couples. For the Holy Wine Ceremony, the husbands, being of the first generation, were in the object position and the wives, being of the second generation, were in the subject position. As a member of the second generation, in the capacity of the subject, I drank the holy wine first and then conveyed it to my spouse. Through this ceremony, we of the second generation were able to transfer out lineage, and the husbands were able to stand in a position equivalent to being of the second generation, so that they may go on to become true subject partners.

After the holy wine ceremony, my partner seemed to feel a great burden. It wasn’t easy for him to cope with this grace that had come upon him so suddenly. Still, at the blessing ceremony the next day, he stood confidently in front of True Parents and made his marriage vows. I totally placed my trust in him.

I had gone through heaven and hell many times during that week prior to the blessing ceremony. I believe that the faith of the Unification movement bears fruit through the blessing. I felt that the blessing is a truly a serious matter; I have seen many people of great faith fail to comply with their blessings. Pledging to be obedient, I had waited for the blessing; yet faced with the news of my blessing, I also fell into mortal internal conflict. Though I believe all members of the second generation who know me recognize me as a person with strong faith, that faith was shaking at the prospect of the blessing—the blessing that I had longed for for so long and that was being given to me through tremendous grace.



The main cause of my angst was the fact that the man I’d been matched to was Japanese and that since he was Japanese, I would have to go to Japan after the blessing. Actually, I was quite used to leaving my own country for another. I’d left Korea without fear and had studied in China for about ten years. Still, the fact that I had to live in a different country, not just simply study there, felt like a great burden to me. All the dreams, ambitions and plans I had that revolved around Korea, and endless other human desires, circulated and filled my head.

I deliberated about this for a day with deep regret to heaven and finally came to a decision. I thought it best to decide quickly if I was going to force my husband-to-be to make sacrifices for me just because I couldn’t give up my personal desires. Although I reached this conclusion, it was difficult to make a final decision. A decision not to accept the blessing, fundamentally, would be a denial of my thirty years of faith in the church.

The root of my faith, which came from my parents, was seriously shaken, yet suddenly my mind was emptied and I felt calm. Some thoughts came to me. “Deny myself. Don’t have secular expectations. My origin lies in God and True Parents. Thus, my life course also is with God and True Parents. God and True Parents will come for me at the end of my life.” These thoughts washed away the dark thoughts that had harassed me for two days.

The morning of July 26 dawned. As usual I woke up, washed my face, had breakfast and began the day. But contrary to my usual routine, I dressed myself in a white dress.

Walking carefully to avoid stepping on the ends of my long dress and with an awkward smile, I boarded the bus to the stadium with my partner. Three hours before the event, the stadium was already packed with people. Though I was exhausted in the uncomfortable clothes and from the hot weather, I was in bliss through the entire ceremony. After the blessing, my husband and I did

These photos show the matching of a first generation brother with a second generation sister, the first of three such matchings True Parents have done



not return to our accommodations. We stopped by a Buddhist temple, where we talked for a long time. We spoke realistically about our future. My husband’s heart was already prepared. He told me he would come to Korea. He said that my wish was much more important than his own plans, and that he thought it would be better for him to come to Korea. I was deeply ashamed of the two days I had spent in worry.

Other people I know worried about a member of the second generation being blessed to a member of the first, yet I was able to confirm the present situation of my faith through my husband. My faith, which had assimilated some somewhat worldly elements, revived through my spouse.

*When do you feel God?
Every day!*

Being in the second generation is not an entitlement, but there is something special about it, because we are vertically connected to God and True Parents in a parent—child relationship. As their children we converse daily with God and True Parents. I had never realized that before, but after my spouse’s question, I was jolted into awareness of the fact and made the decision to stop hiding the God I feel every day inside me but instead to reveal Him. To me, my husband was God and True Parents in a different form.

I emptied myself for the blessing. God filled that empty space with my husband. No longer alone, my task now is to live proudly before God as a couple, Usami Takashi and Lee Soon-hyung. Though we do not speak the same language, and there are many things we do not yet know about each other, I am not worried. There won’t be any problems, because we have God and True Parents in common.◆



STF Assembly Sets Hearts Afire

Christine Froehlich

Thanks to Hyun-jin nim's vision and leadership over the past three years, education for our second generation has leapt forward to a completely new level. Inspired by True Father's wisdom, Hyun-jin nim's vision is to educate members of the second generation with their own experiences of the formula-course training in fundraising and witnessing. Fundraising training includes workshops every month on the internal significance of fundraising and its value for spiritual growth. This training has opened the door for hundreds of Special Task Force (STF) members to have their own direct experiences of God and the power of the Principle put into action, which can take root more deeply on the front line. Through their own direct experiences, the Principle becomes real, and they began to grasp the meaning of God's providence and their own place in it. This is the core of the transformations taking place every day on STF. Through their full investment in their training, STF members can prepare well so that the college years become a time of leadership training and continued witnessing through active participation in CARP activities.

Hyun-jin nim has been very eager to expand STF throughout the world. His dream is to raise a new generation of leaders who can inherit God's providence and liberate the hearts of our True Parents. The second STF International Assembly, held this year in New York from July 31 to August 4, was a tremendous success. Over 300 STF members, 18—20 years old, from the U.S., Europe, Japan, and Korea, were very excited to welcome their brothers and sisters from a new chapter just established this year in Latin America.

STF members prepared for the Assembly through at least one year of hard work on the front line, witnessing and fundraising, where they were trained through their own experiences to become rooted in the culture of heart and in living for the sake of others.

One of Hyun-jin nim's dreams has been to establish an education and leadership-training program for middle- and high-school-aged members of the second generation as preparation for STF. Concurrent with the Assembly this week, the historic Junior STF kickoff workshop began at Camp Sunrise, in Warwick, New York, where 200 middle- and high-school-aged kids from our second generation spent two weeks on an experiential training course in Service for Peace projects, an outdoor adventure challenge and three days of elementary fundraising training. Fifty STF U.S.A. members worked for this workshop as staff members.

One of the goals of this year's STF Assembly was to generate momentum for these Junior STF members to inherit the spirit and culture of their elder STF brothers and sisters. The three other

"...STF for me has been a great experience in every way. But one thing that touched me the most, or turned my life around was being on the front line. We hear about the front line but never get to truly experience it. Well, I did and it put me in my place! I really got to see through fundraising and witnessing how spiritual world really works, and how God and Satan are so real."

— Testimony from STF Europe

STF Assembly participants with True Parents at East Garden



goals of the were to:

- ❑ Realize our true identity as a member of the extended true family
- ❑ Experience the joy and excitement of living for the greater good
- ❑ Impact the world by building a new level of international teamwork

All activities were planned in line with these goals. The theme was *Creating Momentum for the Second Generation to Embody Core Values: Vertical Tradition, Living for the Sake of Others, Ownership, Team Work, and Dream Big*. The participants and staff experienced tremendous support from Heavenly Father as the Assembly far exceeded their expectations.

To set the internal tone for the Assembly, the first day began with a tour to East Garden and Belvedere. The morning orientation included a brief talk on God's providence and the courses True Parents and the True Family have walked in order to advance God's providence here in America. Very few of the STF members had ever been to East Garden. Our elder sister, Sang-moo Borneman, spoke to them in the main meeting room. She enthusiastically answered their questions about the lives of the True Parents and of the True Family. They seemed deeply moved as they walked through True Parents' dining room and Father's holy ground and prayer rock outside on the grounds. Mrs. Borneman shared the story of how Father had prayed there especially before he went to Danbury, often in the rain, refusing the protection of an umbrella, every morning before five o'clock. The True Children had prayer vigils night after night there while Father was in Danbury. STF members had a tearful unison prayer at Father's rock at Belvedere. They visited the garage where Father spoke so many times, and prayed together again at the Holy Rock.

One second-generation European sister said that she had never met True Parents before. She shared that her impressions of the True Family had simply come from photos in *TODAY'S WORLD* magazine, with beautiful smiles and clothes, and her understanding had been very superficial. She had never realized the real situation of the True Family. She listened to the tearful testimony of our elder Korean sister. Mrs. Borneman gave testimony of her own experience of helping to raise Jeung-jin nim during her childhood. She explained to STF members about the sacrifices of the True Children and their heart of love for their parents. Every time Mrs. Borneman said Jeung-jin nim's name tears came to her eyes. This moved the STF member very deeply, and she testified that the True Family suddenly became more real to her.

Other brothers and sisters testified that they could connect in prayer on this holy ground with the heart of True Parents and the True Family and come to a new realization of the depth of the True Family's course. They also reaffirmed their determination to vindicate True Parents and inherit God's providence. When they heard that the home of the True Family was to become a museum soon, they asked, "Will True Parents ever come back here again?" little realizing that True Parents would unexpectedly arrive three days later from Alaska.

On the second day, they attended Sunday service at Salem United Methodist Church in the New York City borough of Harlem. This visit to the church where True Mother spoke a few years ago was to give participants an opportunity to connect to the heart of True Parents, who have been working so hard to restore Christianity.

After the service, STF members worked on Service for Peace projects in Harlem, which included maintaining a botanical garden and removing litter from the streets. There they could practice international teamwork, working side by side in the streets, setting an example of melting away racial and national barriers. Many people passing by seemed impressed with these bright young people serving with such joy and enthusiasm, wearing their STF T-shirts, and representing the culture of heart to the community.

On August 2, the Junior STF members came to the New Yorker to join their elder STF brothers and sisters, who had been waiting with great anticipation, preparing to welcome them. For the next two days, they prepared for the high point of the Assembly—meeting with Hyun-jin nim.

In preparation for Hyun-jin nim's speech, members shared impressive video reports on the activities of STF in their countries, and their testimonies of meeting God and the hearts of True Parents and of the True Family on the

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Father speaking to STF members



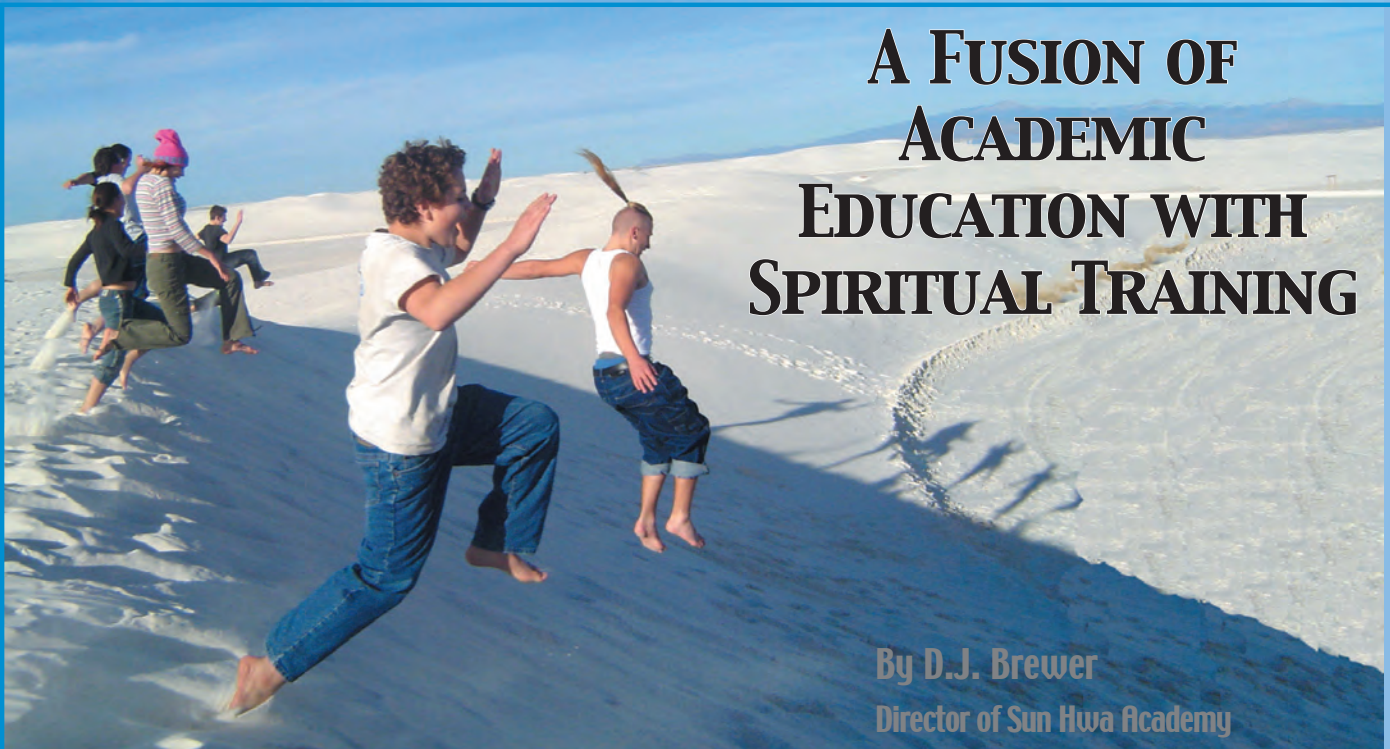
Hyun-jin nim speaking



Certificates of excellence presented during the Assembly



The famed STF spirit

A photograph of several children jumping and playing on a large, white sand dune under a clear blue sky. The children are in various stages of their jump, with some already on the sand and others in mid-air. The scene is bright and sunny, with long shadows cast on the sand.

A FUSION OF ACADEMIC EDUCATION WITH SPIRITUAL TRAINING

By D.J. Brewer

Director of Sun Hwa Academy

News of a creative educational project that seeks to set free the potential of the second generation....

SUN HWA ACADEMY Texas began May 26, 1996, eight years ago, in the Brewer home, with a Hispanic non-member named Daisy and my daughter Linde as its first two students. Since then it has grown and developed, but the initial tenets have remained the same—learning in pursuit of truth, beauty and goodness, centered upon God and True Parents. Its purpose is to establish the ideal educational lifestyle for the second and all future generations, and the core curricula is intended to train blessed children to substantially fulfill the three great blessings—individual perfection, perfect families, and building the kingdom of heaven on earth.

These goals are huge, but Sun Hwa Academy Texas has a revolutionary program that is actually helping kids to fulfill these tall orders and to own the goals themselves, so it is their own personal drive and ambition that propels them to pursue such high ideals. The students vary greatly in personality and in amount of faith. Most are regular kids with regular ups and downs, but a few who have come would curl your hair (or uncurl it, depending on the current state of your hair) with the intensity and bitterness that life's misfortunes have driven them to.

In seeking to educate blessed children, there really isn't any existing paradigm

adequate for the job. It is ironic that we have to raise them to be both peacemakers and warriors, but the battle lines are very clear. With all the people of the world, we must be peacemakers to break down the barriers that divide us, but within ourselves, we must be absolute warriors to divide good and evil within ourselves and to pursue only goodness.

In a spiritual sense, we have to raise heavenly warriors who can understand secular culture and how to change it, who can possess True Father's vision and have the drive and determination to implement it, and who can create true families as a reality, not just as a colorful PowerPoint presentation. Our youth need to have Father's character and vision. They don't need just faith in God, they need to be Him—incarnate on the earth—His arms, His legs, His heart, His mind, His passion, His determination, all focused on practical strategies that will substantially create the kingdom of heaven on earth.

Armed with this initial philosophy, Sun Hwa Academy provides an experiential education that is absolutely transformational. The school program covers junior high and high school and offers a character-training program for young adults eighteen through twenty-five. It prepares them not only for college but to have a successful marriage, to be excellent

parents, and to be public in their lifestyle for the rest of their lives. It is a legally registered private school in Texas, and as a private school, it does not come under any state law of mandated testing. The students here take the SAT's [final high school examinations] and college entrance tests. My daughter started college at age 15, took the Texas college entrance tests, aced them, and went straight into the honors program at college. She completed her first two years of college with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, and at age seventeen went to volunteer for a year at National Service for Peace headquarters in Washington D.C. There she created a literacy program for inner city schools, promoted the program, got volunteers, and ran it as well as other programs during her year tenure with National Service for Peace. She also applied for and acquired grants for Service for Peace. This summer, she worked directly under Michael Balcomb. She organized, promoted and ran the Summer of Service program in Texas, and is our regional coordinator for Service for Peace activities.

Many students at Sun Hwa have started college between the ages of fifteen and seventeen. One began college at fifteen and is currently in a program in Arizona to become a registered nurse. Two girls are both beginning college this fall at the ages of fifteen and sixteen. Two others took college classes while attending Sun Hwa at age sixteen.

Most of the school's graduates are cur-

rently on STF or ETF. Those that have completed one or two years of STF are enrolled in colleges, and many are continuing frontline work in second generation education and in strong elder brother or elder sister positions for their younger siblings. Four of our graduates are already blessed and one has a baby.

The initial funding for the school came from my husband. That is where it continues to come from. The amount we get from parents – \$450 a month – covers food and utilities. I am not paid for what I do; it is an absolute labor of love. My husband makes a decent amount of money, and we use all of our discretionary income to fund the school. My husband bought me the current school property for my forty-ninth birthday and two days later, on November 29, 2001, True Mother named the school Sun Hwa Academy. On my fiftieth birthday, he bought a huge, five-bedroom home on the San Jacinto River on two acres of land. The bulk of the students live with us there. We also have a guest-house and a house on campus as well as an apartment. Houseparents (the wife is a retired nurse) are on campus at all times.

All of the regular academic subjects are covered here, as are church history and Korean—which secular schools do not offer—but beyond academics, Sun Hwa Academy provides a daily lifestyle of public living closely akin to early center life in our movement. There is internal guidance and many other aspects of character training that simply don't occur at all in secular schools, because their structure is not geared for such personal hands-on training. Hoondokhae challenges the students every morning, it is actively charged with clear, practical explanations of how the students can use it in their daily lives. Immediately after hoondokhae, students write a five-paragraph essay on what they learned. It is this lifestyle that is so transformational. Students confront their

fallen nature in lessons that are sometimes tough, but always with clear practical guidance, information and strategies offered, so that they can change themselves to become better people. Students that push themselves and try to change succeed; those that don't push themselves have less success in changing themselves. It is incumbent upon them, but they are given strong support to fulfill it.

The students do all the budgeting, all the meal planning, all the cooking, all the grounds maintenance and all the curriculum planning within clearly defined guidelines to provide an excellent education not only as preparation for college but for life. The main goal of Sun Hwa Academy Texas is to instill in each student a deep desire to fulfill the three great blessings as a personal ambition. They strive to better themselves through tough character training. They develop a deep longing to get matched and get blessed, to make their marriages work and to become excellent parents. They learn technical skills that will provide them with jobs in the current job market, plus academics and thinking skills that will make them successful not only in college but also in life.

Most importantly, Sun Hwa Academy Texas imbues students with a sense of responsibility that they are to take on Father's mission. Whatever they become is up to them. They are educated to be self-determining, to take initiative and to be responsible for who they are and what they become. They are clearly shown that they are co-creators with God; their talents are God's gift to them, their utilization of them their gift to Him. Though it's a common saying, it's nonetheless true.

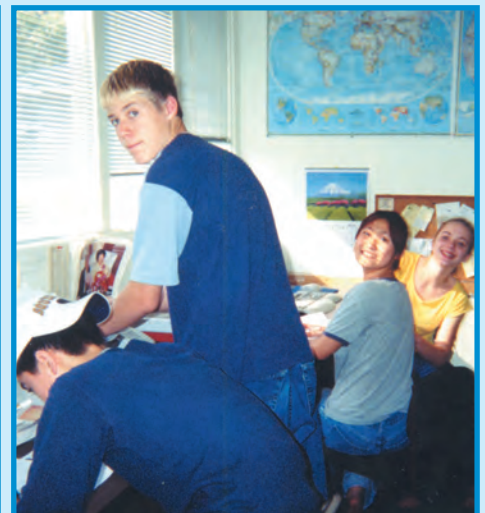
The key force propelling the students is the fact that the kids really are put in charge of things and given responsibility to create something that they will be proud of. The foundation of hoondokhae each day is probably the most significant

part of the entire program, because without implementing Father's driving vision and teachings, the program could not exist.

If you really want to understand the core of Sun Hwa Academy's teaching method, *Sun Myung Moon's Philosophy of Education* is probably the very best thing you could read, especially if you want to create your own educational program for members of the second generation in your area. We have read it four times through in hoondokhae at school, and the students memorize passages from it and from other works of True Father's.

In educating our youth, I think perhaps too often we rely on Christian curricula or strategies to try to create a "youth ministry," but Father did not put us here to recreate Christianity. He put us here to revolutionize the planet. As such, we have to be far more visionary than the Christians ever were and dominate realms that Christians call "secular." To do that, our kids need an incredible vertical axis, or they will be digested by the fallen world that they are entering into. Too many from our second generation these days are already dominated by their environment, getting into activities and habits that plague youth in general. The only way out of this mire is to empower our children to understand Father's teachings as they apply to practical, daily reality. If hoondokhae sessions at home are sleepy events done conditionally, with little or no relationship to our daily lives, we are not providing our children with the practical understanding of how to use the clear ideas of True Father in propelling themselves to perfection.

At Sun Hwa Texas, students are taught critical thinking and excellent research skills. They are taught problem solving techniques and all of these skills are used on a daily basis to build a practical knowledge base. For instance, we teach computer graphic skills in image editing and web





design. Students learn and invest in learning past the class time, because it is something they want to master and increase their skills in. This is true not only in web design but in all subjects. It is a powerful thing to recognize that you are your only barrier to attaining any goal, in learning any subject. You come to understand that it is your own level of investment that will bring about the level of achievement you desire. Your skill becomes a matter of personal pride, not simply a grade point or a teacher pleaser.

Students are given the vision that they are the Christ, and it is up to them to fulfill the mission of the Messiah, and carry on Father's lifework for generations to come, until we have actually completed the kingdom of heaven on earth.

One of the most precious aspects of Sun Hwa Texas is the friendships formed here. Students form bonds of heart that will carry them through tough times for the duration of their lives. Because the students live here in a very a family-like atmosphere, there is a tremendous amount of child rearing that occurs. It is in those personal areas that this school is like none other; it is much more like a family than a boarding school. It does not have an institutionalized feeling at all. Kids here really feel like they are

living with cousins and staying with their aunt and uncle. It's pretty amazing. One family who stayed here for forty days one summer jokingly called the experience their "little Jardim."

To outline core goals, any educational program we design should be founded on Father's *Philosophy of Education*, and with the mindset that we are educating heavenly warriors whose power and responsibility far exceed our own. As teachers, we ourselves should do a minimum of a forty-day stint at Cheongpyeong to prepare to instruct those of the second generation. These kids don't like to see hypocrisy, and will note character flaws readily. Although we are wholly inadequate for the task of educating them, we really need to push ourselves beyond our best level to inspire them to follow Father's teachings as a reality, not as platitudes read but not lived.

Wherever you are, it is very possible and relatively easy to create a program for the education of heavenly warriors. All it takes is desperate tears, a heart of total commitment, incredible drive and constant prayer. The rest is up to you. I am sure God will inspire you with many ideas about what is possible in resurrecting and empowering the second generation in your region. You are a powerful person. You are God's finest and True Parents' own. You can do it! ♦

The students say it in their own words....



Jinhan Davis

A two-year STF graduate, Jinhan attended SunHwa for two and a half years.

Going to Aunt DJ's Sun Hwa Academy in a way saved my life. Several years ago, before STF, before my time with Aunt DJ, I was a young boy going to a normal high school in Austin, Texas. You could say I was a "good" kid—no smoking or drinking, no

romantic relationships with girls. My rebellious actions were staying up late on the computer, not cleaning my room, not washing dishes, not taking the dog for a walk and not doing my homework until it was dangerously necessary. I went to church with my family, did pledge and hoondokhae with a daily push from my parents and had sort of a hopeful prayer life. And that I guess made me a "good" kid.

I always kind of accused myself for not being out-going enough. You know how it is in high school; you want to be able to express yourself. On top of that all of my friends from earlier school days had moved away, and now I can't make friends by playing freeze tag on the playground anymore. I became shy over the years for various reasons. Because of that, most of my friends were just acquaintances. This situation went on and on. My mind and sense of values were constantly influenced by the culture of ignorant, self-pleasure seeking youth....

I had to get away from the whole environment there. It was only building a thicker wall

between my original mind and me. That's one reason I decided to go to Sun Hwa Academy, to get away from the spiritually unhealthy atmosphere. And thanks to Aunt DJ's constant emphasis and guidance on purity and internal development, I paid more attention to my spiritual life. That kind of education and realization was so very beneficial for me. Each day, after or during morning service and hoondokhae we discuss our thoughts and how it relates to us in our lives, and for our evening gathering we all say what internal point or realization we learned that day. This way of reflection helps the individual to really grasp and own his/her daily education. Aunt DJ so strongly stresses the importance of purity within us. Whether I was pointed in that direction enough already or not, the internal education I got from Aunt DJ definitely strengthened my decision to seek purity. I feel far away from where I want to be, because my expectations of purity in myself are so high. I guess that's a good thing though.

My life of faith grew tremendously from my experience at Sun Hwa. Aunt DJ's guidance and realizations especially from hoondokhae every morning helped me to understand myself, others, True Parents, the spirit world, and God more clearly and heartistically. Aunt DJ cares so much about our second generation. That's why she developed this Sun Hwa Academy. It's a revolutionary idea. We need more heavenly warriors in the second generation. We need to start affecting the popular culture, not the other way around. ♦



Photo: George and D. J. Brewer (front right), with sons, daughters and friends at their home in Texas. They are from the 2075 Couples Blessing in 1982.

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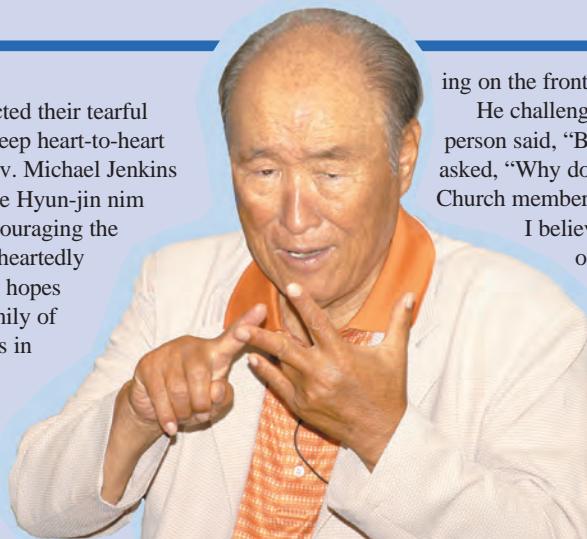
front line. Many testimonies reflected their tearful experiences of God's love and a deep heart-to-heart connection with Hyun-jin nim. Rev. Michael Jenkins helped prepare the group to receive Hyun-jin nim with his inspirational message encouraging the second generation to invest wholeheartedly in their training, and inherit God's hopes and dreams to create one ideal family of humanity. As they sang holy songs in three languages, the whole room rocked with energy and excitement, with STF members jumping up and down and calling out to their brothers and sisters from Korea, Japan, America, Europe and Latin America. When

Hyun-jin nim arrived to greet a room full of enthusiastic STF members, all dressed in their black STF T-shirts, one by one each group presented a specially prepared greeting to him.

Over one thousand members came for the precious opportunity of hearing Hyun-jin nim speak. There was standing room only in the hall. Not only STF and Junior STF members, but also the local Family Federation members, STF parents and younger members of the second generation were able to connect to the heart of Hyun-jin nim and his devotion to liberating the heart of God and True Parents. He spoke for over three hours. Even he was surprised when he looked at his watch to find it was six o'clock.

The audience was completely united in spirit with an eager attitude to hear what he had to say. Hyun-jin nim held their complete attention. He shared deeply and candidly about his personal life and his trials. He offered insight into what makes a true leader: He emphasized that becoming a leader starts with living for the sake of others.

The course of leadership is not about position, and it is not easy. The burden of leadership is a heavy and lonely one. He said that the second generation must "earn their stripes" through experiential learn-



ing on the front line in order to qualify as true leaders.

He challenged them by asking why they came to STF. One person said, "Because I have to accomplish God's will." He asked, "Why do you think I do this? Unlike many Unification Church members, I don't do this because I have to or because

I believe that True Father is the Messiah, the Lord of the Second Advent, but because I love my parents. If this is the mission God has given to them, I want to support my parents out of love. When we do our mission out of love, suffering is no longer suffering. I invest not because I have to but because I want to, as a devoted son."

Many STF members testified that they feel Hyun-jin nim looks deeply into their hearts and spirits. They feel so much love, appreciation and value from him. They were

deeply grateful for all his investment and love.

Unexpected Blessing

On the last day of the Assembly, STF members had the unexpected blessing of being invited to East Garden again, this time for hoondokhae with True Parents. About half of them had never seen True Parents in person before. Their high spirit lifted the atmosphere of the whole room. As True Father spoke, he had intimate give and take with these enthusiastic young people. Every one of them was transformed by the unforgettable experience.

At the closing banquet, STF members received a special presentation from Dr. Yang about God's providence for the Middle East. Archbishop George Stallings also came and stopped in to meet STF members at the banquet and was lifted up by their spirit and energy. He encouraged them with his promise to send his children to STF in the future, and his earnest appeal, "Let's liberate True Parents!"

One STF member summed up his impressions and those of his brothers and sisters, "This is an experience I can never forget, for all of my life and for all of eternity!"◆

Chie Kim

Chie's parents conceived her knowing she would be the only blessed child of their lineage. Her father died of cancer before she was born. Her life has been one of much difficulty and struggle, but at Sun Hwa Academy Texas, she discovered her faith.

Sun Hwa Academy has not only changed my life. Sun Hwa Academy has given me a completely new one. It has given me the path where I found God, where I found myself. It has completely turned my way of thinking upside down and changed my lifestyle for the better. When I look back on my former life, I can barely believe the transformation that has taken place.

Shortly before coming to Sun Hwa Academy, I didn't even know of the existence of the church, much less the fact that I was a BC [blessed child] and the value of that position. At home, after I learned of the church, I was skeptical and very resentful. I even tried to leave. But after I came to Sun Hwa Academy, I changed my thinking.

At Sun Hwa, I did not just feel forced to change; I actually wanted to. It's so inspiring to hear Aunt DJ and read Father's words every morning and then be given practical guidance on how to put those words in action throughout each day. It doesn't do much good if you only listen to Father's words: you can only fully understand if you live them. And we put Father's words into action every-

day here

at Sun Hwa Texas.

Along with your character, your faith also develops here. At the beginning of the year I doubted there was a God at all. I could barely believe in God, much less try to love Him. I saw there was a purpose to our lives, and I developed a love for my fellow brothers and sisters. I realized how God was there guiding me through my life and how much responsibility I have now that I know the truth. Although I initially struggled with the thought of it, now I am fully ready to devote my entire life for God. I love God with all my heart and it's because of my experiences here at Sun Hwa Texas. And I am grateful for the chance to be here.

As we go through life, we don't realize how far away we are from God. But Sun Hwa Academy makes you realize it, and brings you back. It gives you an opportunity to be everything you can be. It gives you an environment where you can find your self and heal. And it gives you tools to accomplish your dreams.

You don't have to be religious to come. But in whatever state you are in, by the end you will be a person that finds God.◆



Teens Visit North Korea



A group of young people of middle and high school age visited North Korea, taking a bus overland through the DMZ to Geumgang (Diamond) Mountain. The visit was organized by the Cheongshim Youth Center, one of the projects that has emerged from the diverse efforts at Cheongpyeong Training Center. The 130 participants included blessed children from Korea and Japan, and Western blessed children living in Korea. There were also some children whose parents were not part of our movement.

TODAY'S WORLD asked two teenage second-generation participants to say something about their experience.

Emilie Debacker

The first night was spent in Sorak Mountain in South Korea, where we played "unity games" and received a little bit of education on the history of the division of the Korean peninsula.

We had to get up at 3:30 AM in order to meet our appointed time at the border with the North. We were traveling on buses. Leaving South Korea and entering the four-kilometer-wide demilitarized zone that separates the two Koreas, we had to show our passports and our baggage was checked.

As we drove through the first two kilometers of the DMZ, South Korean soldiers on the roadside waved to us. Except for the road, the DMZ is a virtually untouched natural environment. There are wooded areas and marshes spanning out in every direction, completely natural and pristine. After passing through a gate we were in the North Korean side of the DMZ. In contrast with the South Korean soldiers, the North Korean soldiers stood at attention with stern faces and did not wave.

Two North Korean soldiers came into each bus and counted heads, looked around, and checked underneath the bus. At the checkpoint on the North Korean side of the DMZ, everything was checked in detail. Electronic devices, except digital cameras, were impounded and returned when we left.

The first stop was the Geumgang mountain hiking trail. The North Korean guides on the mountains all looked healthy, and wore their Kim Il-sung lapel pins. It was easy to distinguish them as their accents were different from the

South Koreans. Sometimes one would pick up the ID card hanging around my neck and ask me where I was from. They were friendly but I felt that's how they were trained to act.

The mountains are magnificent—even the smaller hills have rock formations. In the South such places would have sprouted billboards and houses. But there, the natural environment is so pure. You can drink the water as you go up the mountain and it tastes delicious. I am afraid that when unification takes place this might all be ruined by an influx of people.

As we passed villages we could see the people working in the fields and walking around. All the houses were the same size and color. It was interesting to see the people working. And yet it was heartbreaking because it seems they do not have the incentive to work hard to improve their situation.

Before I went on this trip, North Korea was an unknown wilderness to me. I imagined that the people thought like robots and that the whole nation was one big, muddy concentration camp. However, I was amazed by its natural beauty and by how human the people were. Even though their ideology is different, they have feelings, hopes and desires just like the rest of us. Through seeing them, I felt, deep inside my heart, that we are all really one family. ♦

Flora Robertson

First impressions are always what strike you most. We were waved goodbye by the South Korean soldiers at the border, only to be greeted by the North Korean soldiers on the other side, who were standing bolt upright in a cold manner. I saluted one as we passed by only to be returned a severe look. The atmosphere was intense when one North Korean soldier entered our bus to inspect the passengers. We were told to look forward with a straight face and not to smile, signal or provoke in anyway. The silence was a bit unnerving, and I had difficulty controlling a few giggles. Thankfully nothing happened, and we continued our journey. We passed a village, and all the houses were of a washed-out grey color. There were no cars, and all traveling North Koreans either walked, or rode a bike. In the village we passed, there was a large poster of Kim Il-sung.

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A Summer to Remember

A teen's view of an international conference



Lincoln
LaGrotteria

There are unique challenges facing the Unificationist second generation, but there seem to be unique opportunities as well. Here, the teenage son of IIFWP's conference services director tells of the kind of summer experience his friends would likely envy.

It was a very interesting fate—a fourteen-year-old boy finding himself with a plane ticket and passport into the heart of battle to experience the tenth World Culture and Sports Festival and Assembly 2004. I am very fortunate to have a dedicated and hard-working father who allowed me to join the action. Since Assembly 2000 at the United Nations, I have been one of the blessed children who turns up at some IIFWP events. I have been to the UN for an international conference and to several different countries. I've met former heads of state and have received gifts from people from all over the world.

"Another conference, another in-out procedure, and another opportunity to improve"—you might think these words would describe an IIFWP staff member's experience. Yet it is more than that, as I found out first hand. IIFWP teamed up with IIPC is clearly an organization that towers over all of its affiliates in our movement.

This specialized group I experienced is somewhat like a heavenly SWAT team—they come in, set up, run the show, clean up and leave. Occasionally, this group organizes conferences with more than three hundred dignitaries from across the globe within a few weeks. With contacts across the map, they are truly a gifted group of people.

This time, the fourteen-hour plane ride gave me the time to set my mind in the right direction and to think clearly of the public good. As I stood once again on the soil of Father's homeland, I experienced the impact of a feeling like none other.

In truth, I don't like to read, but with the number of books I do read, you probably wouldn't guess that. What does that have to do with Assembly 2004? Well, on the plane ride over, I read *Hamlet* and

Othello, two of Shakespeare's plays. Based on the behavior of the characters, in my mind, these two books represented the fallen, past world. When I received word that Father was making all these conditions in Yeosu, all the pieces came together connecting Shakespeare's plays with the fallen world. Father wants to start anew and in doing so, he made the conditions over the span of time covered by the first ten *Ahn Shi Il* plus another five days to represent his eighty-five years of age. Wedged together in a puzzle of clarity and truth, I saw a new age approaching.

Though I never like to explain my dreams to others, I had what was, for me, a profound one that I would like to share. It came on the second day of the conference, when I asked my dad if I could sleep in



Lincoln with conference organizer dad Frank LaGrotteria (right), and John Byrum instead of going to hoondokhae to catch up on some sleep. This resulted in a couple of hours of sleep. I fell into a different world, and I had a dream:

Rev. Kwak was speaking to a group of participants, when instantaneously the room in which he was speaking suddenly became a beautiful, green grazing field with bright pink and blue flowers. Looking down on the area, I then noticed that it was not the room that had changed; it was the minds of the guests. Their minds were completely open to receiving the speech. As Rev. Kwak's speech was coming to a close, a man stood up, deeply moved, and led the way behind True Parents and Rev. Kwak.

Then I woke up. Later, in the conference, I learned that an Indian leader known throughout the world had actu-

ally been moved by Rev. Kwak's speech. I felt special, as if God was taking care of me even when I slept instead of going to hoondokhae. Even though I slept through the hoondokhae I received guidance.

I love working on conferences, because you get to release yourself from all the knots and ties you are in and you can appreciate the experience of a twenty-hour day—a taste of what Father is experiencing. To say this again would be repetitive, but I don't feel I'm grateful enough to receive such blessings. I've been truly fortunate to meet high-level people in the world today—Sir James Mancham and the Hon. Hamilton Green; I've had Archbishop Stallings shake my hand as a friend and not a leader, and when Stanislav Shushkevich (leader of Belarus when it was a Soviet republic) got out of his car, I went to greet him and he came up to hug me. I've also had a short conversation with Rev. Kwak in an elevator.

The blessing at Cheonan was a true inspiration, not only spiritually but also on a cosmic level. I was guarding the reserved seating area for the Assembly 2004 participants and guests, together with one other person. Out of the blue a frail, little, old Korean woman crawled through my legs and sat down on a chair in front of me!

It was truly a treat to see a stadium packed to its fullest and to see an area of yellow empty seats with the signs for Assembly 2004 hanging above them—truly awesome. I felt we did a great job holding the seats for the Assembly guests.

It's really easy to get all cocky about the events that happened in the final weeks of July 2004. My dad always says to be humble even at the peak of success. This has been a model I have used throughout my sports experiences and school studies.

I am an athlete, plain and simple. I compete in baseball, football and wrestling, all of which I play key roles in. This all caused me to arrive at the conference as a virtual cripple, whether you could see it or not. I was undergoing a terrible bout of shin splints, had a torn thigh muscle and a stress fracture in my spine. This all would limit me from any sports until October, relieving me of my football duties. But above all that, going to Korea will be in my mind forever as the high point of the summer of 2004.

"Gratitude" would best describe what motivated me in the final phases of the summer. I am so grateful for the opportunity to go to Korea and have experiences in the homeland of our True Parents. Whenever I look back, I will forever hold dear the memories I was able to have as a fourteen-year-old in the summer of 2004. ♦

Declaration of the Advent of the Revolution of True Heart and the Era of True Liberation and Complete Freedom
On July 16 and July 21, two special meetings for the Advent of the Revolution of True Heart and the Era of True Liberation and Complete Freedom were held at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu, attended by large numbers of members from throughout Korea. The second meeting marked the conclusion of the 85-day condition (a day for each year of Father's life) that True Parents had offered in Yeosu.



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 remain seated in the living room. Dear members, aren't you curious as to why they do this? I was also curious and quietly observed what they were doing. I found out that after everybody had gone, they would remain there alone to pray. Seeing this, I was deeply moved; at the same time, I felt guilty.

True Parents are investing their lives completely, treating a day as if to give it the value of a thousand years, for the sake of a new future. Through this, they have brought an end to the time before the coming of heaven and have brought about the complete settlement of the time after the coming of heaven. In order to have an eternal and unchanging world of peace take root, True Parents are investing and devoting themselves completely.

Father has said that we should stand together faithfully with an awareness of God's providence. This year, he is unveiling the concepts and activities that will begin the era of new creation.

Let us take a brief look into the providential history that has unfolded in 2004: The crowning of the king of peace was held on March 23 at the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington D.C. Of course, True Parents already were the Messiah, Savior and king and queen of peace, but through that crowning, they have acquired a status that is in keeping with the providential course toward the original ideal of creation. Since then they have been creating a new era with their authority and power as king and queen. True Parents are bringing about the providence that will create, on the smaller level, unity between an individual's mind and body, and on the larger level, the unity of all nations, of the world and the civilizations that have been splintered. Ultimately, this will lead to unifying the spiritual and physical worlds into a single whole under God. That is the authority of the true king of peace.

True Parents designated *Ahn Shi Il* ("Day of the Attendance of Safe Settlement") for the new age, and for each Ahn Shi Il until now, Father made important declarations that were in line with the new age. We find the proclamation of *Ssang Hab Shib Seung Il* on May 5, the first Ahn Shi Il. And as of May 1, the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the church, Father has made a distinction between the time before the coming of heaven and the time after the coming of heaven.

On May 13, the second Ahn Shi Il, Father officiated the Rally for Harmony and Unification of the Yeongnam and Honam Areas. That rally was not simply for the harmony and unification of the two regions, it was a rally to promote the harmony and unification of all that is internally divided. In his speech that day, Father proclaimed to all that all living beings on the earth lived under the principle of the way of living for the sake of others.

On May 21, the third Ahn Shi Il, Father presided over the Rally for the Declaration of Absolute Values for the Sake of Harmony and Unification. Father revealed that "the peace and unification of true love is the absolute value system for the true ideal family," and proclaimed the unchangeable, absolute message that "the peace and unification of love is the basis of the family, and that family expands to become the world."

On May 29, the fourth Ahn Shi Il, Father abolished the concepts of Cain and Abel. After first doing away with the age of restoration through indemnity, Father said that on that foundation there is no more Cain and Abel.

Dear members, why did the Cain-Abel conflict come about? Originally, they had a relationship of elder brother to younger. So why the emphasis on Cain and Abel? It was because of the laws of restoration through indemnity. By doing away with the era of restoration through indemnity and mankind's Cain—Abel-type

conflict, True Parents have now established a new order in which everything stands in the position of goodness—the elder son is good, the second son is good and the elder brother and younger brother are no longer divided into good and evil but are both good.

On June 6, the fifth Ahn Shi Il, Father said that “Yeosu is our headquarters.” This means that the headquarters and center is wherever True Parents are staying.

On June 14, the sixth Ahn Shi Il, Father proclaimed the “Completion of local outreach (*tongban gyeokpa*),” and on June 22, the seventh Ahn Shi Il, “The Realization of a World of Peace through Cross-cultural Marriage.” On June 30, the eighth Ahn Shi Il, Father designated and proclaimed “*Cheon yo-il*” [simply translated: Heavenday].

Do you know what *Cheon yo-il* is? Until now, a week comprised seven days, but from June 30, a week now comprises eight days, including *Cheon yo-il*, the existence of which True Parents proclaimed, and which is to come between Sunday and Monday. In designating *Cheon yo-il*, Father explained that heaven stands on a foundation of all things—the sun, the moon, fire, water, wood, metal and the earth.¹

On the ninth Ahn Shi Il [July 8], Father declared that now in the time after the coming of heaven, with all the things on earth existing under the kingship of God, we must attend God in the proper manner. He was emphasizing that this is an era of justification through service and attendance.

On July 16, the tenth Ahn Shi Il, Father proclaimed the “Advent of the Revolution of True Heart and the Era of True Liberation and Complete Freedom.” This was indeed a stupendous proclamation that expresses, in a nutshell, the future world that fulfills the ideal of the Creation.

This year Father has talked extensively about the three great



Rev. Hwang and Prof. Lynne Kim are joint MCs for the Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk, held in Seoul on August 20

revolutions. First, Father indemnified the past through the revolution through indemnity. Second, Father revived the original mind through the revolution of conscience. Third, Father established the revolution of heart on the level of perfection. On the foundation of this revolution of heart, the era of liberation and complete freedom has now begun.

Beloved members, this time is one of sudden changes in the providence. A stage never experienced before has come. The question is how intensely we are aware of this.

Soberly we must confess that we have not poignantly felt the advent of the new era. This comes from our tendency to fall back on old habits. Our conscience has been numbed by the many changes we have experienced in a short period of time. The problem is in our thinking that this is another change that will go by like other ones....

The past was the process of re-creation. Please remember that we are not in the process of re-creation any more but are in the process of becoming new creations. “Re-” and “new” have very different meanings.

Please remember the teaching of old that “Crops cannot be harvested in autumn unless the farmer plants seeds in spring.” Let’s live with that kind of attitude in this era of the providential spring.

Everything that was planted in the past was not for the sake of the future, but, rather, for the sake of solving the problems of our ancestors. As a result, the deep pits have been filled, and a level plane thus created. The seeds that we plant on that foundation will become the fruits of the future.◆

¹ The days of the week in Korean, beginning with Sunday, are named after the sun, the moon, fire, water, wood, metal and earth.



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Clothing was mostly dark—no bright colors. North Koreans could be identified by a pin with a picture of Kim Il-sung.

One thing that struck me was the unspoiled beauty of the North Korean countryside. Our destination was Geumgang Mountain, the famous mountain of North Korea. We climbed part of the mountain, and the scenery was breathtaking. Picture traditional oriental paintings of majestic mountains and cascading waterfalls. The rivers on Geumgang-san were immensely clear and of a blue-green color. At least we were allowed to take pictures of the mountain—no pictures while traveling on our bus, however, and absolutely no pictures of the soldiers.

We were warned not to mention the names of Kim Il-sung or Kim Jong-il, and that if we did not wear our name tags we were in danger of being imprisoned. Fortunately, we all got back over the border safely after spending one night in tents, with North Korean soldiers never very far away.

It was an experience that I know I will never forget.◆



Photos: left, a scene showing the pine-tree bedecked crags that typify the beauty of North Korea’s Geumgang Mountain; above, FFWPU leaders offer a mansei for God and True Parents on a Geumgang-san peak during a visit in April last year



Daemo nim recently took two groups of second generation forty-day workshop participants to the Lotte World indoor theme park in Seoul

True love is mysterious. The more it is given, the more plentiful it is and the greater joy it brings. True love possesses power great enough to transform the motivation, process and outcome of human life. We were created to be born in true love, raised in true love, and pass to the next world in true love. That is the reason true love has the greatest and highest value.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
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