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International President's Message

Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan

Celebrating the Coming of True Parents



Rev. Kwak's speech at the True Parents' Day Pledge Service at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace on April 6, in which he explains the significance of the holy day and reads a special letter of appreciation from a son to his father.

There were times when Father met professors in the church's early days, or when he explained his life course one-on-one to such important people as the chairman of a subcommittee of a conference of famous scientists from around the world, or when he personally addressed religious leaders. On those occasions, one of the things he would always tell them was "If a person were to empty his mind of everything and ask God, 'What is the most important thing to You? What is Your most precious wish? And what is the most fundamental factor in resolving the problem between God and humankind?,'—that is to say, if people earnestly and sincerely prayed about these questions with an open mind, they would, one and all, receive the same answer: that it is True Parents. I've often heard God say this."

Why is this term so precious? We know that the long and endless history of restoration has been for God to find the one Adam. From this perspective we have elucidated that the origin of all holy scriptures lies in the efforts to find the one Adam.

There are so few people in the world who know this. That is why so few people in the world also think of the Messiah as a couple, a husband and wife. In addition, women have been

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The Providence of the Second Generation

On April 18, Hyung-jin nim succeeded Rev. Kwak as FFWPU International President. The following excerpt is from the speech Rev. Kwak gave in transferring the mission:

Under the brilliant light of heaven on this April day, we are filled with gratitude and emotion in welcoming a truly historical moment for the entire Unification Family. True Parents have triumphed over a truly arduous and difficult path known only to them, and on the foundation of the victory in perfecting the realm of three generations of True Parents' family, which God and all humanity have been hoping for, the providence of the second generation is now beginning from this truly momentous day....

We are truly blessed to be able to be connected with True Parents in their time, in this age when they are personally leading the providence, and to be allowed to inherit their eternal, true love, true life and true lineage through the blessing. It is a time that can never be repeated. Standing here in the midst of all this, I have been the recipient of indescribable blessings. More than anything else, I have received True Father's close personal guidance, his grace and his care. I cannot express my feelings in words. But for this I have felt continuously grateful....

I was but a mere twig, but True Parents raised me and

appointed me and allowed me, unworthy as I was, to visit some one hundred and fifty nations of the world on their behalf. I have met many people and had the honor to testify about True Parents to many leaders.

Today, I am blessed to stand in the honored position of transferring my responsibility as international president of the Family Federation to our precious Hyung-jin nim of the True Family. I believe this is a greater honor than will ever be received again in all of history. Joining our hearts together—all of you here, all of our blessed families around the world who could not be present, and all the multitudes in the spirit world—I would like to offer my congratulations and felicitations to Rev. Hyung-jin Moon on his inauguration as the new international president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification. [Applause]...

Hard-working leaders of the global movement! Dearest brothers and sisters, I would like to sincerely ask for your forgiveness for my mistakes and shortcomings. Please forgive me.

In thinking about this great mission of the international president, feeling how great and serious this responsibility is, we are all brought together in common cause. Let us fulfill our responsibilities and resolve today to offer our full support to the new international president. **TW**



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Cover Photo: True Parents on the day of Hyung-jin nim's inauguration Above Left to right: On the same day, Lee Hyung-jin nim, Hoon-sook nim, Yeon-ah nin, Hyung-jin nim, Father, Mother, Kook-jin nim, Ji-yea nim and (Hyo-jin nim's widow) Yeon-ah nim; Back Cover: ILC participants who accepted an invitation to attend the True Parents' Day celebration at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace

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Seventh Anniversary of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God

Ceremonial Tree-Planting and Prayer

January 13, 2008, King Garden, Kona, Hawaii

Beloved Father, today is January 13 in the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk. This is a memorable day: we have entered the eighth year of Your royal sovereignty (kingship) over heaven and earth. On this day we have arrived in Hawaii to mark a milestone in the providence. The number thirteen signifies such a dividing line marking the beginning of Your millennium kingdom. We have come to the land of Hawaii, which is connected with the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, and on this important day we stand here in the name of True Parents to embrace the long-suffering creation, the universe, so that heaven and earth become one within our family. Thank You, Father, for this opportunity to announce the final providential destination where we can bring the world under the royal governance of Heaven.

The Hawaiian archipelago has eight major islands, but five among these, in particular, represent parents and three children.

Father, remember these islands and make them a representative oceanic nation. Let all creatures in the ocean become nourishment for the living realm of Your ideal and let them be used by their new masters in Your garden. Let us start out on a new path from this palace in Hawaii towards the completion of the ideal purpose of creation. Enable us to freely go through all the stages outlined in *Pyeong Hwa Hoon Gyeong* (Teachings of Peace).

Up to now, all things of creation were unable to take their

proper positions and manifest their value. On this day, January 13 of the eighth year of Cheon Il Guk, we want to connect them all to the realm of True Parents' heart and establish the standard of their value as True Parents' object partners. On the basis of God's ideal principles of creation rooted in true love, we want to announce the emergence of the fruit, the world of God's eternal ideal inhabited by people and other creatures, the universe where we will be able to travel freely.

From 4:20 to 4:30 in this garden, we offered to You all things, that You may govern them directly. We did so in the name of True Parents and with a heart full of tears.

May this bond be strong and may Your lineage spread to all four corners of the world. May life sprout from the root of such unity in heart. We fervently pray that all people and all things of creation will make the free world of God's ideal the arena for their lives. May people observe this universe and travel freely to its every corner following the principles of love.

We pray for the unity of peninsular and continental realms and for the unification of north and south. We pray that Korea, the central point of the Pacific Rim in the ideal world, and final destination of all cultures, could attend God to become the foundation for all other nations to do the same. We ask that on the basis of this complete offering You, Father, may welcome and rule over the world of Your ideal on earth and in heaven where all people can



manifest their value. May Your absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal royal dominion start from this moment on. Show us our position and the direction to go. We want to reach our final destination and establish a model of Your ideal of creation—the world and the universe that would be comfortable for You and people to rule.

Father, You know this desire of ours, so may the hopes that we are sharing with You become one with the core of Your heart. May the motive, process and the outcome be absolute.

We earnestly pray that You may govern the ideal world of Your desire where You will be able to love, eternally, countless generations of Your descendants and extend Your authority over all people and over all things in this garden. Until this day True Parents have offered everything to accomplish this. Establish Your singular authority in all undertakings that will take place from now on.

Connect all people to the roots of Your lineage and embrace all things in Your realm, so that all creatures in such a unified and liberated world on earth and in heaven will eternally praise Your power and glory, Father, as the great master of all. Enable us to create families of dutiful children, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters of God.

May you govern everything without any accusation from Satan. May all beings in all corners of the world sing praises to You, and, as symbols, bring joy to their master in substance. May we go onward, onward to the liberated ideal world, the kingdom of heaven where You, God, will rule all of heaven and earth, and where we can live in Your bosom and attend You as our king and as the progenitor of our lineage. May we attend Him upon settling safely in our original homeland, the peaceful kingdom of heaven. True Parents are standing here together with the blessed families who serve God's will in the various nations of the world. Bind together in the bonds of heavenly blood lineage these people dwelling on earth and the five great saints, as well as thousands of blessed families in the spirit world.

May the liberated kingdom of the reign of peace be established for ages to come, where You will be able to govern all things directly with Your authority.

We earnestly desire this and wish to attend you eternally as the almighty God, our Lord, our Savior, our True Parent and true progenitor of our lineage.

We hope that in this moment You can rejoice and be glad, and that Your ideology will rule all things in the universe; and that You will govern the world of peace from Your throne for the eons to come. We beg You to become the sole master of this liberated and glorious world to which we all march forward. As we offer this prayer we sincerely ask You to bestow Your heavenly fortune upon all creatures on earth that they may rejoice.

True Parents were called to take charge of this earth where You have toiled so much. They were unable to disclose to all people what mission they were to fulfill and had to start their work in the position of mediators.

But now we ask You to become the absolute and only owner of all they accomplished while fulfilling Your will and to take these results to Your bosom. In the name of True Parents we offer this present world to You; please receive it with joy.

May all things in the universe, and all blessed families on earth and in heaven, unite in attendance to God and fulfill the way of filial piety.

Please enable these families to manifest such nature and face the glory of Your providence. May the kingdom of liberation and complete inner freedom governed directly by Your almighty power come, and may Your ideal of creation be made substantial in the form of the eternal reign of peace. We earnestly pray for this and notify You of all the above in the name of True Parents.

Aju! *STW*

Some parts of the recording of this prayer were not audible, and the translation is approximate.

To begin the tree-planting ceremony, Father and Mother joined hands and Father prayed. Immediately following, Father joyfully threw holy salt in all directions. The sanctification complete, Father and Mother each planted an avocado tree and grandson Shin-joon nim a mango tree. Father and Mother then personally signed all the tools that were used for the planting, after which they posed for photos with all in attendance. Father instructed that pineapple plants and avocado trees should be planted in the east of the King Garden property, banana and papaya trees in the west, apple, pear and apricot trees in the north; orange and mango trees in the south, and a fig tree in the center.



True Parents Bid Hyo-jin nim Farewell

True Parents arrived shortly after Hyo-jin nim's Seunghwa Ceremony and Father spoke to members who had emerged from the main building at the Cheongpyeong Training Center. He gave the message and prayer that follow while he and Mother stood beside their son's casket. Father explained Hyo-jin nim's mission based on the ten Chinese characters he had conferred on him on the day of his ascension, speaking of each of the two sets of five characters in turn. After he had finished speaking, the casket was loaded into the specially decorated hearse and carried to the Won Jeon, where Hyo-jin nim's body was interred.

The first base that our Unification Church hoped for, the place where we can settle down is the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. The Cheon Jeong Peace Palace symbolizes two people coming together as indicated by the Chinese characters cheon [天] and jeong [正]. In other words, it is the palace of righteousness and justice. It is the family of righteousness formed by two people living as one. If these two people do not perfect the relational positions of subject and object partners, of above and below, of front and behind, and of left and right—that is, if all things on the left and the right are not united—a tradition cannot be established and the vertical connections between lives cannot be made. These connections are what we refer to in our Unification Church as lineage. In order to establish a lineage, there must be a man and a woman. Everything came into existence by becoming one through a relationship of a subject and object partner and a unifying, true love relationship. This is the core ideology of the Unification Principle.

From this viewpoint, you need to remember that the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, centered on all central buildings that the Unification Family labored hard to build, has become the one symbolic, micro-cosmic palace for the world.

Next, when we go to Hannam-dong, our old headquarters, we remember the two expressions, "Sincerity moves Heaven" and—what's the other? "All is well if the home is in harmony." These can be considered the main tenets of a headquarters in God's homeland that would serve under the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. "Sincerity moves Heaven" means that you cannot expect any results if you don't devote yourselves to accomplishing something. If you sincerely do your absolute best, this will surely bring about the accomplishment of the ideal God envisaged at the time of the Creation, which is based on the theme, "All is well if the home is in harmony."

Centering on God, the spiritual and vertical parent of heaven and earth and the horizontal parents of the cosmos, who were like two separate families, intersect at one point. In other words, at that point, the vertical and the horizontal meet, so a condensed foundation comes into existence as a nucleus

and becomes the origin of the lineage at that point. No one can invade or move this nucleus, which will last forever. No one can move it no matter how strong he or she is.

Through the Fall, Satan completely destroyed everything. You need to understand that. We ourselves need to understand that it was destroyed. We should know that our ancestors were not those who could become the owners of the ideal of creation, and kings. On the contrary, they stood in the position of the enemy and destroyed the origin of this love, the ideal of creation, the ideal of the palace, the ideal of the headquarters of the kingdom of God, the ideal of the family and the ideal of the nation in the kingdom of God. There is no way to repair the damage done. I am saying that since God cannot touch this with His own hands, He has no way to rectify it.

Those that caused the problem should be the ones to rectify it. It was people. It is people, therefore, who need to take responsibility for this, and prevail over it. Otherwise, liberation, freedom and the achievement of the ideal can never take place. Based on this starting point, for the sake of resolving all this and preparing the framework of the original nuclear family that we can set down as the origin of peace, and from which we can attend God, the titles the Savior, the Messiah, the Lord at his Second Coming, and the True Parents were brought to earth. Because in the past the True Parents could not be established, it is now up to True Parents to take responsibility for what could not be accomplished, become True Parents and resolve all the fundamental problems that manifested in the heart of God due to the Fall.

All grief and sorrow on the individual level should be resolved. True Parents are the representatives who have pioneered the way through the eight stages, through the family to the tribe, people, nation, world, cosmos and God.

Hyo-jin, the firstborn in True Parents' family, is lying here in front of you. He has gone in order to fulfill the responsibility he was called to, through which he will perfect a new beginning to bring to settlement the framework of the heavenly world, carrying forward the destiny of the Parents.

This motto for Hyo-jin says Shim Cheon Gae Bang Won





[심천개방원—The garden that opens the way to the deepest heaven]. This is a secret of the spirit world. No one knows about it. It refers to the garden that opens up the deepest heaven, the boundless world in the deepest and highest part of heaven's vastness. The new garden or nation that can liberate it is expressed by the Chinese character meaning garden. In liberating the garden, the nation and garden did not come to be on the earth; therefore, centering on Korea, we are at present working for the restoration of the homeland and preparing for the beginning of the kingdom of God in heaven.

At this point in time, from which we can make a beginning, March 17 [the date of Hyo-jin nim's ascension] is very significant because it is a year to the day since the declaration of the era of the beginning of a new civilization in the Pacific Rim. We began this work on March 17 last year, and by beginning this work, we began the preparations for the restoration of the homeland. You all need to understand that from the first year of Cheon Il Guk until now, my life's course has been taken up with the urgent program of establishing the kingdom of God.

On such a foundation, our headquarters upheld the theme, "Sincerity moves Heaven." And what comes next? "All is well if the home is in harmony" was the theme in the family. In the American headquarters,¹ the themes were "Achieving victory over resentment" and "Making your heart have a single focus."² These refer to the fact that on the global stage resentment has not been completely resolved, and the United Nations organization in this complicated world has not concentrated the focus of its heart solely on Heaven. You need to know that I have been setting conditions based on that fact.

Leading up to the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace era, in the external world there was a focus on achieving victory over resentment and on making the focus of one's heart right. When this original starting point—which says that all people in all nations should become one in heart—is achieved, the restoration of the homeland can take place, because the homeland can only be established in a world where all people are united in one heart. The palace, too, can be built only on such a foundation. The two people, the subject and object partners, should reside in the palace of righteousness; they should be born, raised and established there. This should be established as our tradition in history. We should never forget this important task, which remains for us to fulfill.

In the U.S., people of various nations who visited our headquarters did not know the meaning of "Achieving victory over resentment." I just had it put up there.³ This is the battle to be fought to achieve victory over resentment in a place of intense

1 East Garden, the True Family's residence in the United States

2 Often translated as "Settlement of one heart"

3 Father had had the two mottoes framed and hung in East Garden.

fighting. This can only be achieved when there is authoritative approval that everything to do with resentment has been perfectly resolved. Only when this is given can all become one in heart and put down a proper root.

Your heart must have the right focus even at meal times. All the marriage ceremonies from the blessing of the 36 couples to those of the 36 million couples and the 360 million couples are connected. That is why the motto is "Making a heart with a single focus."

Though the heart can be focused in a single direction, East and West remain divided. In the headquarters, therefore, we work under the theme "Sincerity moves Heaven." In other words, you need to exemplify filial piety, that is, fulfill your duties as children according to the standard of heart.

What's next? "All is well if the home is in harmony" refers to a blessed family of devoted sons and daughters, father and son and God and True Parents, becoming one. In short, the father and son should become one, become devoted sons, and form a model family in the kingdom of God so that all who dwell there are devoted sons and daughters. You should not forget that we have fought our way through our whole lives based on this very theme.

Therefore, the conclusion is Shim Cheon Gae Bang Won; a garden that liberates the high, vast, and unimaginable depths of heaven has been opened—a new garden opening that deep, wide, high and precious heaven. This has been done centering on Cheon Jeong Peace Palace.

Choong Hyo Gae Moon Joo [충효개문주]. In order for loyalty and filial piety to open the gates of heaven and establish the pillar of peace in the family, we need to become an owner or lord who opens the gates and a representative of a family that is centered on the father-son relationship. Do you understand? All this is represented by the phrase Shim Cheon Gae Bang Won, "the garden that opens the way to the deepest heaven." Please say it. [Shim Cheon Gae Bang Won.] This place on earth, the place where I am standing, is the grounds of the garden that has been opened up in the vast and wide original world that has no relationship with the Fall. Picturing yourself standing there with the creation surrounding you, you should know that it is the position of the owner and lord who opens the gates to loyalty and filial piety⁴ that God desired when He created us and looked down upon us.

This theme, which encapsulates the entire history of the providence, goes beyond its being the message for today's Seunghwa

4 The translation of the words Father wrote for Hyo-jin nim may depend on whether it is viewed as the conferment of a title or a responsibility (see the previous issue, page 15); it is the considered view of those who study True Father's teachings closely that there are several layers of meaning in what Father says.



Hyo-jin nim's extended family, Korean and overseas members anxiously listen as Father explains the significance of his son's passing

Ceremony for Hyo-jin. As such, your responsibility is to form father-son relationships, and those fathers and sons, those families, are to become owners or lords opening the gates of filial piety and establishing the ground for the blossoming flowers in the garden that is opening the gates to the deepest heaven. Otherwise, all things in the world will not be able to be remembered in the heart of God. You must reflect deeply on this. That is why you should put this theme up in each of your homes and see the coming of the era of the liberation of the garden that opens the way to the deepest heaven.

Then we have Choong Hyo Gae Moon Joo—the owner or lord who opens the gates. Only by achieving this can you become people of filial piety. You cannot do this all by yourselves. Centering on the parents, the family of the parents and the families of the sons and daughters should unite, for only then can you become an owner or lord opening the gates to loyalty and filial piety. You cannot do this alone. So there must be three generations.... If the grandfather and the father are united, God above them will connect to them and thus three or four generations will be connected automatically. Then you will qualify to become the owners or lords opening the gates to loyalty and filial piety. Though Hyo-jin himself had some shortcomings, with this as the theme, the Seunghwa Ceremony for a child of True Parents can be held in this garden.

How many people are here today? [2,100 people have come]. That's good. Three times seven is twenty-one, and this is the twenty-first century. You are here listening to what I am saying as representatives of your families, and after passing through this process, you will branch out. Centering on True Parents' sons and daughters, blessed families from all nations will become the owners opening the gates to loyalty and filial piety and opening the gates to the deepest heaven. The fathers and sons will unite and become these owners. Three generations will fulfill the three-way ideal and become patriotic and filial families that can serve God based on the original standard, which has no relationship with the Fall. This is liberation and complete inner freedom. You will inevitably become lords of liberation and complete inner freedom with nothing to block you anywhere or at any time, be it in the physical world or in the boundless, spiritual world.

From this independent position, you should establish this as the theme for your family at the forefront, as something your heart desires, because once your heart desires this, you can start living a life that is one with your heart. Then, finally, it can be

perfected and fulfilled. And the blessings arising from that perfection and fulfillment will be bestowed on your families and mine, and on the families, nations and the world representing our nations and our world. That will be our foundation. We are starting out on the path to restore our nation....

Now, based on all that I have said, what we must do is this: Hyo-jin is going to a place where the gates to the restoration of the nation are not yet in existence, and he will create them. The lord who opens the gates: Choong Hyo Gae Moon Joo. We need to be aware that the time has come in this world in which we can make a new beginning with God in front of us, as lords who open the gates to loyalty and filial piety, for loyalty and filial piety on the levels of the individual, family, tribe, race, nation and world, and with heaven and earth cooperating. Do you understand?

We will pray about this, so you should understand it before we pray. The global themes are "Achieving victory over resentment" and "All is well if the home is in harmony." "Sincerity moves Heaven" represents the core of the nation. And then we have "All is well if the home is in harmony." And because all is well if the home is in harmony, everything will turn out well. If everything turns out well because all is well in a harmonious home, sincerity will move Heaven....

After inheriting such a family, Hyo-jin is passing on as the hyungnim, so you should know that your hyungnim is being sent in a position in which all this can be concluded. You should bear this in mind and uphold it as a theme in your family. Since the internal and external parents centering on True Parents have passed through the process of preparing the framework of the family, you need to lead lives that can bring our work to fruition. Only then, as originally intended, can you be given the right to enter the liberated and freed kingdom of heaven, in which dwell the owners or lords who have liberated the garden of the deepest heaven and opened the gates to filial piety and loyalty. Aju! Everything goes well! Say it with me. Everything will be done as we wish.

Then this man here should do anything he can in the spiritual world. Based on the instruction to practice filial piety and on this theme, he should follow the instructions of the Father on behalf of the Lord. Then the billions of families in the spirit world will come down to earth and stand in front of us as Cain before Abel. Though the ancestors went to the spirit world in the position of the elder brother, they went there after inheriting Cain's blood, so they should come down to earth in front of the blessed fami-



True Family members join hands and cheer Eog Mansei to conclude Hyo-jin nim's Won-jeon Ceremony

lies who have inherited True Parents' blood and flesh and sacrifice themselves to help the first families to have been blessed. Thus, the elder brothers, the ancestors, should assume the position of the younger brother, and the younger brother, Abel, should assume the position of the elder brother and by so doing create an environment in which God, with all His authority, can be served befittingly. Only then can God's wishes come true on earth and everything be fulfilled as desired. At this time, you should all pledge to fulfill such a responsibility in your families. If you pledge this, show it by welcoming it with applause. Now then, let's say a word in prayer.

Beloved Heavenly Father!

Shim Cheon Gae Bang Won [The garden that opens the way to the deepest heaven] All things in the universe that we see before us were originally supposed to be in Your ideal Garden of Eden, and You intended to look upon them all with the high, deep and wide heart of the Father overflowing with joy and be enraptured as You assumed the position of the owner. However, that position was lost due to the mistake committed by the first human ancestors, and throughout the process of history, immersed in Your sorrow and grief, You remained chained and bound, deprived of Your autonomous authority. Therefore, You hoped to nurture the True Parents in the future world, so that they could come forth and put to rights all things in the universe, on the foundation of which the body and mind can become one, the family can become one, the nation can become one and the world can become one.

Heavenly Father, we know how much You have striven to raise True Parents on earth, and though we stand here before You on this day as the True Parents, two embodiments, we have not been able to prepare a living environment wherein Your sons and daughters can become devoted children and patriots in front of You. Everything belonged to this evil world in which the son had to worry about the parents and the parents had to worry about their children. However, as of March 1 of this year, we were able to plant the flag of the homeland's liberation on this land, the Republic of Korea, based on the Family Party of Peace and Unity, a national party representing this nation, and assert our teachings and ourselves without obstruction.

We are truly grateful for Your grace in allowing us to begin this one fraternal relationship supported by the nation in the political realm, by which all peoples can be assimilated into one.

At such a time, our Hyo-jin was called to You on March 17,

and now it is around 8 o'clock on the 19th, the third day, including the day of his ascension.

Now the time of blessing has come, in which he can leave the royal ground of the physical world on earth, here in the mountains and streams of his homeland, and pass on to the royal ground of the spirit world in heaven. He will thereby connect to the original standard of liberation not under the shadow of Satan and without repercussions. As he goes his way, he is accompanied by the Parents. Though there were many difficulties in his family, he completed his family as a representative of the family and the relationship of parents and children, and so he can work together with his parents before Heaven in the name of Shim Cheon Gae Bang Won Choong Hyo Gae Moon Joo [The lord who will open the gates to loyalty and filial piety in the garden that opens the way to the deep, wide and lofty realms of heaven]. Now it is up to Hyo-jin to go to the spirit world and, together with the Parents, the son, and the first son, work with innumerable circumstances based on which he should put to rights the heavenly world where already the first son, the second son and the other children in the middle are.

Though the path that lies before him is difficult, his parents desire and command him to follow it. At this time they are bestowing on him the authority through which he can take pride as the owner of the family and as the representative of his parents, making him stand proud before all saints and sages and ancestors when he goes to the spirit world in heaven. Thus, he should be grateful.

On his way there, not even the shadows of all things liberated by True Parents can be defiled by Satan. Therefore he can move back and forth between heaven and earth on the foundation of the liberated and completely freed heaven and earth and carry out his work with the great and vast universe as his working ground.

We cannot but entrust him with this difficult work of expanding the boundaries enclosing the sorrows and grief of the True Parents and that of opening the way to the deep valley of heart blocking the way in the realm of God's heart in the spirit world with autonomous authority, for he could not become Shim Cheon Gae Bang Won Choong Hyo Gae Moon Joo if such a responsibility were not entrusted to him. Therefore, we seal such an important mission upon him in the name of True Parents and dedicate him before You and send him to the spirit world.

In this place where the billions of blessed families in heaven and on earth who are observing this important moment can

Final Rally to Declare the Restoration of God's Homeland

After arriving in Korea from the U.S. on April 11, True Parents went directly to speak at an Olympic gymnasium within the Seoul Olympic Park complex. There, Father spoke with gusto, raising the spirits of around 10,000 people—national messiahs, church leaders, executives in providential organizations, ambassadors for peace and others. The rally, held to refocus the core of our activities for liberating God's homeland, was organized by the Universal Peace Federation and FFWPU-Korea. Only after True Parents had extended themselves to the public did the True Family members have the opportunity to welcome them home.



become one in mind and body and put down proper roots, we pray that all the joy of this day, announced by True Parents, can be shared by all blessed families in all countries around the world, and also in heaven.

We send him to You with the mission of fully devoting himself to opening the new doors of liberation and the gates of filial piety and patriotism with the True Parents and True Children united as one, so please receive him with a joyful heart and allow all the prayers and hopes of those of us gathered here today to be fulfilled.

I proclaim that this is the beginning of the era in which everything can go well, all walls can be broken down and the world can reach the stage wherein You can assert Yourself with the authority of the Heavenly Father and with the day of liberation of heaven and earth as the starting point. Therefore let everything be done as You will.

I pray and report this with an earnest heart in the name of True Parents. Aju! [Aju!]

After the Prayer

[Father to Hyo-jin nim:] Good bye, and keep up the good work until we meet again, okay?

[Father pats the top of the casket firmly three times.] I should pat him three times. Everyone, this man here is going from the physical world to the spiritual world, and I will leave here for another country before you return today [from the Won Jeon Ceremony]. Know that it is because I have to connect this to other countries and the world; I ask you to please not feel sad.

The fact that the title Shim Cheon Gae Bang Won Choong Hyo Gae Moon Joo could be bestowed on him on such a difficult foundation shows that he had the blessing of the firstborn son. So think proudly of that, pray for him, support him and give him strength. You should do your very best and stand at the forefront of the paths you should follow and become the foundation. I'm saying you should stand at the front and not at the back. That is why those who are taking part in the election activities this time would become Shim Cheon Gae Bang Won Choong Hyo Gae Moon Joo national assemblymen. Only when they become national assemblymen who can take responsibility for all nations can they become the representatives who can defend this nation from the position of a prince or princess involved in the restoration of the homeland. Do you understand? Now, let us offer a cheer of Mansei for all that I have said to come true!

After Everyone Bowed

Bear in mind that Hyo-jin is going in front of God and that there is no way you can avoid this path and go a different way. There is no other way. Know that there is no other way than this one, and do your best for the rest of your life. Become a person worthy to be called God's representative. I'm asking you to do this, and then I too should go to work.

[True Parents place their hands on the flower-covered hearse that will transport Hyo-jin nim's body] Fly up high in heaven! Fly up high in heaven! Farewell! *STW*



Hyo-jin nim in his youth

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Clockwise from above: True Parents light the candles with Hyung-jin nim's son, Shin-joon nim; True Children and Grandchildren during True Parents' prayer: Yeon-jin nim, Kwon-jin nim, Yeon-ah nim with Shin-joon nim and Yeon-ah nim's daughter Shin-yuh nim, Hyun-jin nim, Kook-jin nim, Ji-yea nim and Jin-sung nim; Father spoke of God's providence in the Pacific Rim era. He then asked Mother to serve as the MC for the remainder of the celebration; True Mother as MC, replacing Yang Chang-shik; True Parents receiving flowers from Kook-jin nim and Hyun-jin nim; Father asked Hyun-jin nim and Kook-jin nim to stand with True Mother. He reminded them that the older brother represents Cain and the younger represents Abel and that they must unite by centering on True Mother.





Remembering Hyo-jin Nim

*Testimonies from True Family members
at the Third-Day Service for Hyo-jin nim
at the Won Jeon in Paju on March 21*

Kook-jin nim shares his memories

Good morning brother and sisters! Thank you all for gathering here today. As you know very well, I am Kook-jin Moon. When I was born, Father gave me the name Kook-jin. When he gave me my name, he said I would be responsible for a nation and also for saving a nation.

Some twenty years ago, when I graduated from university, Father said I would be responsible for all the business side of the Unification Movement. In 2005, he asked me to oversee all the organizations in Asia. He ordained all of us in the True Family to work as church leaders. It is in this capacity as a church leader, according to my Father's instruction, that I will speak to you today.

When I think of our elder brother Hyo-jin, many thoughts come to mind. In reality, Father was very busy in his work of developing the church, and because he spent a lot of time with brothers and sisters of the church, he had very little time to spend with us. As Father and Mother were not with us, no adult person was there to teach us. This was not only my situation but was also the same for my eldest brother. There was no one to guide us. There was no teacher. Even so, members of the church had very high expectations of True Children, and we also had many responsibilities.

I remember the time, some twenty years ago, when we did a forty-day workshop with Hyo-jin hyungnim. When I think of my brother at that time, he was such a tremendous man. He was so physically healthy—he did martial arts—and he was strong. Whenever we saw him, everyone thought what a wonderful person he was. Gathering all the second-generation members together, he would spend time singing songs with them. Wherever my brother was, people gathered around him. And we had joyful times. That is the kind of person he was.

I did that forty-day workshop in Korea with my brother. I have many memories of the time after the workshop finished, gathering with the second-generation members in the tent—he would play the guitar and sing songs late into the night. Back then, his character was also hasty. There were times when my brother hit me. I accept that I got hit for being wrong. Even now, if I just think about Hyo-jin hyungnim I feel respect and

gratitude toward him. All of you need to understand this point.

I know that in the course of attending True Parents you have made many sacrifices and worked very hard. I want to give you my thanks for living so sacrificially. I feel that there has not been time for us to even talk together, nor time to understand each other. I think that from now on we must come to understand each other more. We must understand each other, only then can we help and live for each other, encouraging one another. That is the feeling I have.

My elder brother truly had so much passion. Whatever he liked, he liked until the end. When he played music, he continued playing without sleeping. My brother had a very, very broad mind. Not a bit did he think about himself. He was so very like True Father. If he had something, or if he had money, he would share it with his friends or with the person next to him. He always thought of the other person first. If there was someone who was miserable, he embraced and loved that person; that's the kind of person he was. For this reason, although he has gone to the spirit world, he still lives within our minds and hearts. And he will always be here with us.

I recall the time when Heung-jin hyungnim went to the spiritual world. At the time, Father was holding a big event here in Korea; he was very concerned about it. He had told us all to be careful. Father felt worried and in danger, but in obedience to God's command, he continued the important providential task. The events Father was holding safely ended without any incident. However, he lost his son. Our elder brother Heung-jin went to the spirit world.

I was fourteen years old at the time. From my childhood, I had been very close to most of my brothers. I had spent a lot of time with my Heung-jin hyungnim. We played and shared a lot



together. When Father arrived at the hospital, Heung-jin hyungnim was bleeding heavily because of the accident. Yet, Father did not shed a tear. Looking at Heung-jin hyungnim, Father must have felt like weeping, but he always thought of God and the providence. In order to accomplish something very special, God came to the decision that a sacrifice was needed. So Father gratefully received that pain as part of God's will.

This is the way our True Father has lived his entire life. Even when he went to prison, even if he were to die, he solely lived in obedience to God's word. At that time, at the age of fourteen, I could not understand very much. Although I have grown up, still it is hard to understand. Father is really not an ordinary person! These are the difficulties of following God's providence. It is a path that requires enormous sacrifice.

With my brother's ascension, two of my older brothers and one younger brother have gone to the spirit world. I cried. Quite a lot of our brothers have been sacrificed for the sake of the will. Brothers and sisters, our family feels pain just as all of you do. Our family faces difficulties just as all of you do. There may be times when you feel as if no one cares for you. You are not the only one. But until now I could not speak of that pain and have been living my life quietly. Even during difficult times, our family could not speak and kept going, living our lives.

But that time has now passed. Now it is time for us to speak up rather than remain quiet. Already, several brothers in our family have gone to the spirit world. What is there that I, still living on the earth, cannot do? Even if I were to die tomorrow, it is okay. Listening to what Hyo-jin nim's wife Yeon-ah nim said, I recall what Hyo-jin nim himself said: "More important than how you live is how you die," and "How you die is important."

When I think of it, my elder brother passed away in a very noble way. From the time he came to Korea for True Parents' birthday, my brother was already in pain. He would go to the restroom when he needed to cough, and he always coughed up blood, but he never said a word about his pain. Those around him were very worried and many times suggested to him that he go to the hospital. But every time, he said he would not go. My brother already felt that he was going to die. Now is such an important time, a time when someone might become a sacrifice. Knowing this, Hyo-jin hyungnim prepared himself to go, without fear.

After his birthday, he had invited all his brothers and sisters to a Chinese restaurant and shared his love with all of us. I was so happy on that occasion and felt such great hope. Ah! Truly our eldest brother is with us again!

Later, Hyo-jin hyungnim left for America. Not even a week later, he suddenly came back to Korea. He called me up for lunch and I told him, "Call me anytime, I'll be there!"

He came to Korea just when I was scheduled to go to Germany. I told him that I would be leaving soon. He seemed to be a bit surprised when I said so, and asked me, "Are you leaving? How is your work going? Is the church doing well?" I answered, "Yes, it's doing well." After listening to me, he seemed more relaxed and responded "Okay, good to know. Take care on your trip."

Until the end, my brother could think of nothing else except the work Father was doing. This is true. His love and filial piety toward True Parents was genuine. He never was concerned about himself. Although he knew he would die, he only worried about Father's activities. Brothers and sisters! Quietly reflect and ask yourselves, ask your conscience, will you really be able to die as my brother did when your time comes? My brother's death was truly a sacrifice. He did not just speak, his life was visible in his actions. A person surely expresses his or her deepest thoughts and beliefs through action. I agree with this. Just as my eldest brother said, it is good to live in the right



Left: The offering table for Hyo-jin nim. Below: The undergrowth around the mound had been cleared away.



way, but even more important is how you die.

Our Father is now driving forward an important part of the providence. When was there a time more important than this one? We all know very well about the movement that Father is currently advancing. Brothers and sisters are now out doing a special campaign. Brothers and sisters, ask your conscience. Working here in Korea, I saw each and every move of our leaders. Father is eighty-nine years old by the Korean way of counting, and he is very concerned that he may go to the spirit world. He is carrying out important work in relation to the providence. How much indemnity do you think God will need for this to be accomplished? Father knows. That is why in his heart he is determined, "I will do this even though I might die!"

Father has often said that the time for his ascension has come. My brother also clearly understood this and has gone to the spirit world on behalf of Father. After coming back from Germany, I had a talk with my Father, and he said, "Hyo-jin sacrificed himself!" Thus, every time I think of my brother I

cannot help feeling respect for him. I feel nothing but gratitude. My brother went to heaven; this is true. And he is receiving much love from God. He lived a difficult life, yet loved True Parents until the end, and he has gone to the spirit world in their stead.

As this is what he did, let us think about it. There is no one here who is without sin. We are able to receive forgiveness because Hyo-jin hyungrim exists. There is no point in being conceited during your life on earth. Can you be arrogant over having a lot of money? Living the good life, achieving some external success, can these be reasons for you to put yourself above others? I know about this. I have made a lot of money, and I have been very successful, but never was I able to raise my head in the presence of my brother. If you are going to live life anyway, live it with sincerity from now on. Do not lie any more. If you are going to talk about sacrifice, live up to it! Only based on sincerity of heart will our movement continue forever.

Do not forget our elder brother. Thank you. *STW*

Sun-jin nim shares her memories

Good morning brothers and sisters. I'm going to speak in English because to really express my heart about this day and Hyo-jin oppa I just want to speak in the language I feel most comfortable in sharing with you. Thank you for understanding.

First, I want to say thank you for everything to all the members and everybody. I really see we are brothers and sisters today because even though Hyo-jin oppa is our physical brother, I think, in so many ways, he has been an elder brother to all the membership and the second generation and has shown the true meaning of what it means to be a True Child and to live for the sake of others.

When we think of what True Parents say we have to live for, what it means to be family, what it means to truly live beyond yourself, to really devote yourself to others and give your life first for the sake of the world, I feel that to Hyo-jin oppa we owe the most gratitude because he's a person who truly lived that life of a filial son.

When we think of our lives and the way we live them and why we joined the movement or what we have inherited from True Parents, it really is a battle, you know, between good and evil. In everybody here, in our own mind and body, everyone has that fight between good and evil and between right and wrong. From True Parents, we've not only learned the principle of how to really devote our lives to trying to live a life of goodness, but at the same time we've learned a life of forgiveness and gained a true understanding of what it means to go through the growth process to maturity and perfection.

And if we think of Hyo-jin oppa as the eldest brother, Father's first son, in so many ways he took all the burden and all the suffering coming from Satan, which could have attacked our family. He tried to protect Father and Mother all his life. He took on every single burden, every external and internal burden. And throughout his life, without our parents being home because they were always living for the sake of God and for the providence and raising all of the first generation, the second generation really was in so many ways

without a lot of love and did a tremendous amount of trying to always fill this endless hole, of trying to understand what true love is and, in so many ways, Oppa really searched within himself for what that is.

And through much struggle and difficulty, he lived his life to show what true love is and what living for the sake of others is. It is taking on all the burden and all the suffering so he can protect all of us with his life as an example of how to live right and how to live without judgment and truly trying to be the best you can be to bring glory to True Parents.

And I know all of you in the first generation also sacrificed your families and many of the second generation also share that same emptiness and that same suffering. But in so many ways, by Hyo-jin oppa going through his path in life as an older brother, as a filial pious son and as a patriot in our family—by taking on all that burden—your children were able to also inherit forgiveness and a chance to grow and mature and through his example learn the way not to struggle and not to suffer and to really try to honor their parents.

There are many times when it's so easy to judge, and I, too, have a lot of reasons to apologize to Oppa because I misunderstood and I judged a lot, and for that I really ask for his forgiveness. But he never—he only gave us hope. In so many ways, we, as younger siblings, didn't honor and respect him enough for all his struggles because we misunderstood so many times. He was an umbrella to protect all of us and we need to understand his value. Everything he struggled with was for the sake of all our lives, to give us life and to show us the way of loving True Parents.

The last time we spent time with Hyo-jin oppa was after



his birthday. He called everybody in the family and invited us to come to a Chinese restaurant. On that day, everyone else had gone to America, but Hyun-jin oppa, Kook-jin oppa, In-jin *onni* and I went to the restaurant. At that dinner he said it's so good to come together as a family and really take care of each other, and that we all have to be one.

In so many ways he gave up his position so that his younger brothers and sisters could inherit the right direction and so much blessing. He went around that dinner table and he only praised every single one of our family members and (not thinking of himself, though it was his birthday) he really took care of all of us in a way that we really saw that he has been doing this all his life. We all felt so grateful to share that moment with him. He said that his one dream was like the song he always used to sing—if I could dream that all my brothers can walk hand in hand. That was his dream, and he said that from now on, every year, every month, we have to come together as a family and share a meal and support each other. That was the meaning of that day when he took us out on his birthday to tell us that. The significance of that day was that Hyo-jin oppa reminded us that from now on his dream was to come together as a family. And his whole point was to really, really take care of True Parents and to live a good and happy life.

Everybody talks about the family not being united. In many ways, we were very immature and we needed a lot of growth and maturity, but Oppa through his example of really being an amazing brother, hyungnim and oppa to us,



Yeon-ah nim (center) as her children offer flowers to their daddy, during the ceremony

showed us the meaning of what family is. And in his passing, all of us really, really understood now—too late—but because of him, we understood what a blessing it is and honor it is to be a part of one family and to really love True Parents and bring True Parents glory and to honor all the membership and to really live Father's principle that we all have to be one family. In his passing we were all able to find that; and through sending him to heaven and our going back to that Chinese restaurant as one family, all of us, everybody who's living on earth, came together and we shared his dream and it became a

reality. I'm very thankful.

So, today was a lesson that we learned in our family as brothers and sisters and with all of you as our brothers and sisters. I pray that we can all learn this lesson of how important family is. This church was built upon your sacrifice, your struggle, True Parents' struggle. They're parents to us all. True Parents are your parents, they are our parents. Hyo-jin oppa's our brother and he is your brother. So please take the message and the lesson that we learned here, and from this day on, we pledge as one family to work together, to really understand the meaning of how precious each one of you are in creating world peace and to really, really—with a heart of thankfulness and gratitude—accept the blessing that we all have each other and to honor Oppa and Abonim and Omonim and pledge that we will work together to truly realize, not only Hyo-jin oppa's dream of being one family but Father's dream and God's dream of being one family under God. So I pray and ask all of you today to hold hands with us and let us all march forward so we can make this dream a reality. *Kamsahamnida. JW*



Left: Sun-jin nim serving tea as her husband In-sup nim looks on; Right: True Family members sharing food from the offering table



Yeon-ah nim shares her memories

Good morning. The weather is so nice today. Since it is so bright, I can feel that Hyo-jin nim ascended on a good path. Standing here up front, I feel how meaningful this occasion is. I sincerely thank True Parents and all our church family members for your concern.

I believe this is my tenth year of being blessed to Hyo-jin nim. For the past ten years, he has educated and raised me in so many ways. Reflecting back over several days with him, even though we were frequently together, his last day on earth is most strongly in my mind. On the other hand, I am afraid of continually recalling only that last day and living the rest of my life stuck in it. Frankly, as his passing was not an easy one, the last day simply cannot be a good memory for me, because I was right beside him, caring for him.

I believe that many of you never expected Hyo-jin nim's sudden passing and wonder why it happened. However, I do not wish to explain the entire process in detail. He is gone, and now it is already a day that has passed. Honestly speaking, what is important to us will be the collective moments of today and of the days to come. I understand that all of you would want to know more because of your love for Hyo-jin nim, but I would rather not speak so much about that on this occasion.

Perhaps Kook-jin nim mentioned briefly that Hyo-jin nim was experiencing some physical discomfort, as many people sensed. Being right beside him, I also worried about whether he was okay, but Hyo-jin nim always said to me, "It's okay. I'll be okay. I will get better." So I never even imagined, even until the last minute, that he would go to the spirit world. From my point of view I was not a capable wife; but I truly believed that he would get better.

Hyo-jin nim never made any sound that indicated he was in pain but just walked back and forth. He seemed a little weak but continuously moved about, so I never thought something like this would happen. It was in the early hours

of the morning.... For some months, Hyo-jin nim had not been able to sleep well. Of course all his life he never rested as most people do. He maintained such a pattern of not resting to the point that I was concerned. He never slept for more than an hour. Deep sleep...one hour, thirty minutes, ten minutes, fifteen minutes... He was continuously coming and going—sleeping for two hours at most, and then he would wake up and be coming and going again. He lived his life with no concept of day and night. Frankly, this way of living itself is unbearable for a human being in a physical body. He had passion and conviction for his work within the will, and he himself admitted that he was a workaholic. He worked with that intensity.

Looking at how Hyo-jin nim worked, I felt him to be more than human, rather than just an ordinary man. I frequently thought this about him. If one could view Hyo-jin nim, Father's son, in this way, True Father would naturally be something even more. That is what I thought. I was also able to understand more about Father through Hyo-jin nim's life. This is how he lived. This is how he continued to live.

No matter how much we tell Father to rest or take it easy, telling him we will do his work, he would continue in his usual way until the world is completely restored and becomes the world God desires to see. I firmly believe this. Honestly, please think how worried True Mother must be as she stands by his side and assists him. Father is advanced in age, and he has undergone many hardships and twists in life since his youth. Although he is more than eighty years old, he is deeply anxious about the providence. Therefore, whenever I



Left: Hyung-jin nim and his wife offer flowers; Right: True Mother's half brother, Han Wee-il, and his wife offer flowers

see Father I feel how great he is. Yet he does not think about his age, and continues on. I often think, "Father is treading the path he must go."

He would carry on even if Mother tried to stop him. He would. Because God exists, because the will remains, I feel Father will go his way until the last cell in his body is burnt into ashes for the sake of the will that he promised God he would fulfill for the whole world's sake. Even though it was to a smaller degree, Hyo-jin nim showed us this mindset. Right to the end, he never let me feel any unease. He always had confidence in his children. Yet suddenly he passed to the spirit world without leaving any final words. To be honest, from that viewpoint, I felt I missed out on something. Reflecting back, though, I remember that Hyo-jin nim had told me a lot about his thoughts and vision....

Assuming life on earth to last about a hundred years, and considering that Hyo-jin nim lived just half that time, his life coming to its end at an age when people can still do a lot is indeed a loss. If he had lived ten years more, twenty years more or even just a year more, he probably would have done more, left behind more, showed and shared more with us in those extra moments. Although Hyo-jin nim's earthly life lasted less than fifty years, when we reflect, still the message he tried to convey and the vision he tried to realize and accomplish, are manifesting in different areas. They are there. It is just that I did not see them. Therefore, if somebody is to believe and feel that this path is right, and go that way, not only people who know True Parents but people of the world will also feel it is right and follow it. This I am sure of.

Think how much second-generation children have suffered. Not to speak of how our church members pioneered and how they tried to protect their children. Living in a painful and difficult age, facing opposition, you put everything into it and sacrificed your family and your children to become a protective barrier. Even so, True Children suffered so much. In reality, as the first daughter Ye-jin nim, Hee-jin nim before her, Sung-jin nim and also Hyo-jin nim—they lived at the time when you were suffering; they suffered with you.

Our church members may feel much regret and sorrow, but Hyo-jin nim once said, "Even if you have met with difficulties in your life, you should say, 'I am grateful to God that I could

take this path.' Because you have gone that way you were able to learn and feel that much. You were able to gain what could not have been obtained without that pain." Hyo-jin nim had overcome much through pain, and through his difficult course; and today, at this moment, you remember and sense him.

All his suffering ultimately benefitted him. Therefore, I don't think he lost anything. Of course from a personal and family perspective, because I have young children and do not know the future, frankly speaking, things are uncertain. However, as I said during the Seunghwa Ceremony, I will not think in terms of having lost Hyo-jin nim. Through Hyo-jin nim's ascension, I was able to see how True Parents and True Children will be with Hyo-jin nim and how much they love and value him. I was also able to clearly feel how that love will continuously pass down to my children. Therefore, I neither worry nor feel anxious. I am determined to do my utmost and offer my best effort.

Hyo-jin nim once said, "I do not have any regret in my physical life, even if by some chance I go early. If I go to the spirit world, I will be very free from limitations and will be able to work as much as I want. There I can expand my work to the fullest extent. Conversely, a physical body is something of a constraint. So what should I feel I am losing by leaving the earth?" Of course, had he been able to live longer with his children and directly educate them—that is something that will be missed. Yet, looking at the way he intended to go, Hyo-jin nim did not keep these things first in mind. Of course, he was slightly anxious because of my shortcomings, but he said, "I don't worry because those who worked with me and those who walked the same path with me will take care of you and our children on my behalf if I am not here." He is right. True Parents and True Children are already here today caring for us and guiding us. And today, members have gathered here like this. Despite your busy schedules, your coming from a far distance here to Paju shows that you have come here based on your love for True Parents, True Children and the True Family. I truly thank you so much for this.

If we look honestly at individuals, will we find anyone who doesn't have personal limitations? Everyone does. That's why Hyo-jin nim always told me, "Think about our church family members and always be grateful; you must learn to be grate-



Hyo-jin nim's daughters Shin-yuh nim and Shin-soon nim holding hands and sons Shin-chul nim and Shin-hoon nim singing

ful." Back then, I was lacking; I really did not know how to feel gratitude. I also knew the church members suffered, so I did not think my situation was difficult, nor did I complain. This is how I thought. Yet what Hyo-jin nim referred to as gratitude was much deeper than what I understood. I have not yet attained this but do believe I will one day be able to feel it if I make effort as I live my life.

Thank you. With gratitude, Hyo-jin nim always looked from both a historical perspective and a future-oriented perspective and never from the perspective of mere moments in the past or present. For instance, one of his songs says, "Be successful!" in terms that show he meant successful from a historical perspective or from God and True Parents' perspective rather than from an individual perspective.

We are now very busy, aren't we? With our established goal of restoring Father's homeland, we are in the process of substantially building God's longed-for nation on the earth. Ready or not, with True Father in command, we need to put our utmost effort into bringing maximum results within a short time. We understand that every hour in our reality is a busy one.

I believe you are actually busy today with work you've been asked to accomplish, so thank you for coming here, putting all your plans and programs aside. But please do not forget. There were times when Hyo-jin nim was misunderstood. There were times in his life when he made mistakes; but the truth always prevails. We may not know now, but because there is a future that knows that truth, because there is history, Hyo-jin nim never expressed nor excused himself and silently continued on his path.

So brothers and sisters, please have courage and strength. Do not think vaguely or negatively about the coming events, or worry that we cannot perform to the standard Father desires. Just do it and we will see. Please try. We are still living on earth and God must save the world through us, through our own hands. So please invest yourselves. The moment of restoring the homeland, which God and Father long for, is actually right in front of us. So please have great strength! Gather your strength.

I deeply and sincerely hope that Hyo-jin nim's ascension will bring power to all of you who are making so much effort. Thank you. *JW*

Hyung-jin nim's prayer

Our loving Heavenly Father! Our loving Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Human-kind who endowed us with true lineage and life! Father, who has endowed us with courage! Our precious eldest brother, Hyo-jin hyungnim, we offer our gratitude to you.

Heavenly Father! Gathering on this precious occasion, we kneel in Your presence. We lower our heads. We place our hands upon our hearts, and on this precious day we understand that True Parents' love, the memories of our eldest brother and Your glorious ways are with us.

Heavenly Father, once more we deeply feel within our hearts how precious each day of life is and how precious it is to be able to breathe the same air as True Parents in this age.

Heavenly Father! Hyo-jin hyungnim, our eternal eldest brother, who loves us dearly, is here with us. He healed our hearts and gave us courage in the darkest times. Bringing light to this dark world, he will guide us to the threshold.

Heavenly Father! We are the eternal younger brothers and sisters of our precious Hyo-jin nim. Gathering here, we praise our Heavenly Father with one heart. We think about our True Parents and we feel, deeply within our hearts, our elder brother, "the lord who will open the gates to loyalty and filial piety in the garden that opens the way to the deep, wide and lofty realms of heaven."¹

Heavenly Father! From three days ago, yesterday and the day before yesterday, we have attended our precious Hyo-jin hyungnim here at this precious, holy Wonjeon. We came here carrying our elder brother's body. Heavenly Father! Digging into this ground, we have sent our brother into the realm of Your love.

Hyo-jin hyungnim! Do not be anxious about us! Do not feel worried about us! Thank you Hyungnim! Elder brother! You have always told us how we need to become one family and how we need to be devoted to our parents. We, your eternal younger brothers and sisters, are now awakened to the greatness of our mission.

Our eldest brother! Yesterday and the day before, we learned something from your precious children. Hyo-jin

¹ The title Father conferred on Hyo-jin nim translated with reference to Father's speech after the Seunghwa Ceremony





Left: Hyung-jin nim and his wife Yeon-ah nim pass out food to guests following Hyo-jin nim's Third-Day Service.

hyungnim! When we were praying for you, your children, our nephews and nieces, picked up small stones one by one to form letters on the ground, "Daddy, we love you!" How much we repented when we saw this!

We were only following protocol, holding a memorial, but did not realize you were actually here right with us. However, our precious nephews and nieces guided us that day. Those small stones deeply carved an eternal message in our heart and bones.

Truly with the heart of a child during our physical lives, in attendance of True Parents, once more have we have been born again through these words, "Daddy, we love you!"—words that overcome all limitations freely under the True God and the realm of love.

Heavenly Father! Hyo-jin hyungnim had told us, "How you live is important, but how you die is more important." Please allow us and guide us, Father, to continue each moment with our elder brother. Please permit us, and guide us, to become newly reborn people.

Heavenly Father! We should not take each other for granted. We are awakened, newly feeling how grateful we need to be in True Parents' presence. We will grow better every day so that True Parents can truly feel proud within their hearts whenever they think about us, their children. Following Hyo-jin hyungnim's will, we will become Father's shining legacy to the world.

Heavenly Father! Please be with all our brothers and sisters in the realm of True Parents' love, with all True Parents' children. When we leave this place, please allow the glory in our hearts to beam as Your light, Father. We know that You are giving us Your love, Heavenly Father. Even though we do not amount to much as sons and daughters in terms of our qualification to receive Your love, we know that You have unceasingly loved us.

In front of our eldest brother, we have no achievements, yet he always thought about us, loved us, trusted us and encouraged us. We will remember him within our hearts forever.

Heavenly Father, we are so grateful. True Parents, we thank

you. Hyo-jin hyungnim, thank you. For the first time in the Unification Family's history, we have gathered as one family and lived for the sake of each other. Thinking of each other for the first time, we are offering up this glorious day to You.

Heavenly Father! Please continue to have faith in us. Please continue to guide us. Heavenly Father! Please guide us eternally. Please allow True Parents' love, glory and true lineage to spread to all corners of the earth, and please guide this process.

We truly are grateful to You today, Father. All our members here have attended True Parents with their sacrifice and sincere devotion. I sincerely, sincerely thank all those people who have guided us and loved our elder brother.

In keeping with the words, "The path of a great man will gradually brighten and become a light!" we will bring amazing accomplishments and glory to True Parents. As we are newly born from this point, and as we depart from this site, please guide us so that we deeply sink the root of the true will of our Heavenly Father in the earth as we establish a new brotherhood and a new family. We thank You for this truly precious day. We thank all our precious brothers and sisters.

Hyo-jin hyungnim! Please do not worry. Our eldest brother! We will do well. Big elder brother! Please have faith in us. Today we are attending you with a happy heart; we are attending God without holding anything back. Please spend your time happily with Heung-jin hyungnim and Young-jin hyungnim and with your beloved Shin-gil in the spirit world, and please rest comfortably.

We are sure that miraculous work will be done in the spirit world from now on. Heavenly Father! Please pour out Your love on Hyo-jin hyungnim. We earnestly pray that our True Parents' eternal love and glory will fill the earth.

Heavenly Father! We truly thank You from our hearts once again for granting this Third-Day Service. Hyo-jin hyungnim, thank you again. Our eldest brother who has taught us and loved us, our eternal eldest brother, please guide us forward.

Gathering as one family today, giving glory to True Parents, offering a full bow from our hearts united as one, I report this in the name of Hyung-jin Moon's family. Aju. **STW**

The Inauguration of Hyung-jin Moon as FFWPU International President and President of FFWPU Korea

On April 16, during hoondokhwae at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, True Parents appointed Hyung-jin nim, their youngest son, to lead the worldwide Family Federation as well as FFWPU-Korea. Simultaneous inaugurations took place on April 18 in the main hall of the Peace Palace. Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, the outgoing FFWPU international president, and Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, the outgoing FFWPU-Korea president, spoke first, reminiscing deeply about their work over many years and expressing restrained exhilaration that a True Family member was assuming their posts.

Hyung-jin nim then delivered the inaugural address below in Korean from English notes. Kook-jin nim spoke next, expressing deep affection in his congratulatory remarks. After Kook-jin nim had rejoined his wife Ji-yea nim, Hoon-sook nim, Lee Hyung-jin nim and Shin-mi nim at the side of the hall, Father and Mother rose from the table they had been seated at. Father called the new president and his wife to the podium, where Father said a few words that he described to Mother as a blessing. True Parents presented a copy of Cheon Seong Gyeong to their son. Father, Mother, Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim then placed their hands one on top of another and Father prayed for the couple. Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim bowed. Father spoke for a while as the audience remained standing.

After the final cheers of Mansei, all the True Family members withdrew from the hall. A few minutes later, they all returned except True Parents. Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim took the stage to conduct a joyful, poignant Blessing Ceremony for a single couple. Only later did we learn that True Mother had matched the groom, Lee Yun-sun (38), and bride, Seo Da-hee (31), a second-generation couple, a day or two earlier, following hoondokhwae.

News that Rev. Moon had appointed his youngest son to these important positions was carried by television news stations, with footage from the inauguration, as well as by local newspapers.

Despite their much increased responsibilities, Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim were at the Saturday afternoon English service the following day. Hyung-jin nim confirmed that he and his wife will continue holding church services.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

I am not someone who deserves compliments like the ones I've received, so I feel sorry; in particular, I don't know if I deserve this glorious position given me today, so all I can say is I'm truly grateful to True Parents and all our members around the world. The entire True Family is also grateful. Thank you.

After I began my ministerial duties, I had an occasion to go to Tokyo, where I visited the home of a Japanese blessed family. The father, whose leg somewhat disabled, is nevertheless an excellent man and the head of a real estate office. He has only one daughter, who had received an international blessing. His son-in-law is a Korean. I talked a little with the son-in-law, and he was very proud of the fact that his father is a minister. When my wife heard that, she was delighted to say that she too is a minister's daughter. At that point, I felt left out so I also said to everyone in the house, "Hey, wait a minute—I'm a minister's son too!" [Applause]

With the entrance ceremony into the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, True Parents became the King and Queen of Peace and achieved all sorts of victories. To tell the truth, I've often heard that people who attend and serve True Parents feel that they do so from a little bit far away; people think of True Parents as a little bit distant. **They no longer think of them as ministers.** I firmly believe that our True Father and True Mother are always working as ministers. They are always guiding us as our ministers, and though they have become True Parents and the King and Queen of Peace, True Father was and is a minister. When he was preaching to each and every person in North Korea from the age of sixteen, he was a minister. When he was imprisoned in Hungnam and in Danbury, he was a minister. When he was blessed in holy matrimony to True Mother at the former headquarters church, and when he taught there, he



was a minister. When he went to America, he was a minister. When he fought communism, when he led the victory over communism movement and when he met Kim Il-sung, he was a minister. In short, we can keenly feel the truth of the fact that when True Father achieved all his victories, he did so as a minister, that is, it was as a minister that True Father laid such a victorious foundation. Even now, True Father wakes up at 2:00 AM every day and offers devotions, attends hoondokhwae and guides our members. When I see True Parents guiding us even now as ministers, nurturing us and leading us as our ministers



and of course as our parents, I have personally come to feel deep in my heart how precious the ministerial tradition is to True Father.

When I was given the honor of being able to begin a ministry, I asked, "Father, what should I do?" and he answered succinctly, "Offer much *jeongseong*."¹ Yesterday, I spent all day with True Father and he taught me two great things. First, he said, "Don't worry too much." He said I shouldn't worry, because many people would help me. Second, he told me to give *jeongseong* all the time, because when we give *jeongseong*, we are humbled. Especially because there is a great possibility we can become arrogant when in high positions, we need to give *jeongseong*, because only then can we clearly know who we are in front of God and True Parents. We can keep in mind that we are the hands and feet of True Parents and help them in their work. I firmly believe this. From the time I started in the ministry, and of course began holding Sunday services, I have continued to give *jeongseong* every morning because True Father has always said that *jeongseong* should be the center of a ministry. Though it has only been a short while, I am truly grateful to True Parents for giving me an opportunity to be a minister. From my personal point of view, I've come to feel that my calling is the ministry.

Meeting with many ministers has moved and touched me deeply. I've come to know that our church leaders have been working so hard and that they are truly amazing people. Notably, for many events, we mobilize huge numbers of people, the likes of which no one can imitate. Furthermore, even though becoming a minister in our church could be seen as a way to gain greater power, many leaders have been living very sacrificial lives for the sake of

¹ *Jeongseong* means devoted effort. In our church we use it to refer to making prayer or other conditions, or just offering our most sincere, dedicated effort.

God's will. Father has said that the core of ministry is very simple. Briefly, a minister is a person who conveys God's love and True Parents' love. It's simple. I strongly believe that if a minister cannot give True Parents' love and God's love to others, he will find himself in great difficulty. I have come to believe that real ministry is caring and having compassion for others, believing in the good of others, practicing patience, empathy and forgiveness even if others hurt me; it is having faith in God and True Parents' presence, help and guidance even when the path before us seems dark and gloomy.

What I believe is this: If we are to succeed as a church, our ministers should love our members, and our ministry should be member-centered. It is my strong conviction that if the ministers love and serve the members of the congregation, the members in turn will serve True Parents tens, hundreds or thousands of times better than the members have been served. I've come to think that it is not the members that must serve the ministers, but that it is the ministers' mission to come down and serve their members, thus helping the members to become even more devoted sons and daughters of True Parents. I believe True Parents' secret for our ministers is very simple—work in a loving manner, give *jeongseong*, and don't become arrogant in front of True Parents or our members; also—as True Father told me—don't worry too much about the future but march forward in the certainty that God and True Parents are guiding us. These are the secrets of a successful ministry.

I think being a minister agrees with me. I like leading a religious and prayerful life and meeting people. Visiting our members' homes has also frequently moved me. As their minister, I am visiting the homes of the members of my congregation and meeting each family. I cannot even find words to describe how moved and touched I have felt on many occasions.



FROM KOOK-JIN NIM'S CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS

I have lived according to my conscience. I never take action unless I believe it is right. I never respect anyone regardless of who he or she is unless the person has reached a level worthy of respect. I am honest and that is how I live.

My younger brother is respectable and lovable. I truly can serve Hyung-jin, my younger brother, as the international president. If nothing about him were worthy of respect, I would not listen to what he says; I would never help him. As you all know I am a fighter. Once I resolve to do something, I do it to the end. I am a man who cannot avoid living according to his conscience. I can truly love and respect my younger brother Hyung-jin; that is why I can serve him as the international president....

People should live conscientiously. Several of my brothers have already passed away. I will keep the promises I made to each of them. Anybody would and should do that. If anybody would make a promise and not keep it, he is not even a person. I will keep all the promises I have made until my death. ...

Our family is united. I will treasure that and keep it that way. Although each has his or her own responsibility with-



in the family, we always uphold brotherly love. Whatever public position we may have, we do our very best to carry it out, but return to our positions in the family. I will live for and assist all my brothers. I will work hard so that they all can be successful.

Dear members! What we have to do is simple. We should be centered on God and True Parents. We should return all glory to God and True Parents. If we can do that, it will become our joy. If we can do that, we will have many more brothers and sisters within the Unification Family. If we can do that, the scope of our love will expand. When it does, we can attain happiness. We will be able to come closer to God. If

we can live that way, we will all be one family and forever live together under the eternal heavens, centered on God and True Parents.

Dear family members! What we should do is very simple. Let us live for the sake of others. In the family, let us live for the sake of the parents, our spouse and our children. Let us live for the sake of each other. Through this tradition of living for the sake of others, let us return happiness to God.

Thank you very much. JW

Nevertheless, I know that ministry is not enough in itself. If I am to serve the world as international president and hold the presidency of the Korean church, the largest vision and clearest objectives are needed. Even so, doing the actual work of a minister is essential to this. It is a **great joy for me to conduct services, write sermons, study True Parents' teachings** deeply and work with the members. True Parents, also, know well that this is what suits me best. [Applause]

True Parents have specifically asked other True Family members to help me a lot. In particular, True Father has asked my older brother Kook-jin nim to help his younger brother. [Applause] Kook-jin nim is a genius, as anyone would freely admit, and he is especially a genius at organizing things, so True Father has given me a great mission, the great task of working with my older brother Kook-jin nim and our vice-president Lee Dong-hwan to strengthen our church organization and propel it forward as an outstanding organization.

Kook-jin nim is always working for our family, and he is so affectionate. Because he is so affectionate, he cries easily and loves his younger brothers and sisters. [Applause] He is excellent. As his younger brother, I am really, truly proud of him.



True Mother, Yeon-ah nim and Hyung-jin nim at the inauguration banquet, at which Hyung-jin nim sang in both Korean and English

Every decision we make will be for the benefit of the whole—the whole church and its members—not for any particular individual. Most especially, we will report every decision we make to True Father for approval, and only when he approves it will we carry it out. I believe Father is truly proud to see his sons working in unity and supporting each other.

A few years back, many people believed True Family members could not work together because we are all very passionate and we would fight among ourselves, but we have shown them otherwise. We are working together, and we will continue working together to uphold the legacy of the True Family and True Parents. [Applause] I strongly believe we are different from members of the second-generation in famous Korean business conglomerates, who are always fighting among themselves. Our church is different. Ladies and gentlemen, our bloodline is different. We will leave an example in his-

tory of the True Family uniting and working together on the front line.

When I visit places or meet people, I hear some people say why we need the church, while others say we are no longer a church because True Father founded the Family Federation for

UPF Tour of Belize, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Brazil

From April 12–24, Hyun-jin nim, cochairman of UPF and Thomas Walsh, UPF secretary-general, were in Central and South America, on a tour where they were building consensus for "A Vision for the Americas," a concept in line with Father's earlier work to increase cooperation and harmony within the Americas for their mutual benefit. Referring to the Americas, Father said in December 1997, "How can divisions such as the separation between Catholics and Protestants and the boundaries between all nations be erased, making one world, not one nation?... Does God want to stay in such a small place? No. Centering on love, God's desire is to embrace all nations. His ultimate goal is one world under God."



Clockwise from left: An International Leadership Conference on April 19 in Peru; In Belize, discussing UPF-related projects with Prime Minister Dean Barrow (far right) and Belize UPF Secretary-general Marco Antonio Cuellar (speaking); Meeting with Costa Rican Vice-President and Minister of Justice Laura Chinchilla on April 16



World Peace and Unification, and that he himself has said we are not a church, and not a religion.

As you may know, I studied religion for seven years, and I learned there are several distinguishing features of a religion. All religions exist in a religious context, don't they? There are rituals, theology, central texts, transcendental teachings of the master and so on. To speak plainly, we also have the same context. We also have religious texts, rituals, theology and our center, True Parents. No matter how much we say we are not a religion, in the eyes of religious scholars and society, we are most definitely a religion.

In this regard, if we were to eliminate the religious aspect of our movement, would we be any different from a social movement? Without the religious context, we could not explain True Parents, the Divine Principle, True Parents or the Messiah. If this were the case, how would we be any different from a large corporation or a social movement? Am I not right about this? We manifestly have a theology, our Divine Principle and True Father's teachings and we have True Father himself. Therefore, without a doubt we should strengthen our church. I strongly believe that we need to develop our church further, so that more people can support True Parents' mission.

When I visited the Japanese family I mentioned before, the family in Tokyo, and met the father, though his leg is disabled and he has other physical difficulties, I saw he is a very positive person, and his daughter and son-in-law respect him very much. I asked him, "How can you be so positive and happy,

and make a lovely environment to live in, when you have so many physical difficulties and a paralyzed leg?" He answered me simply, "I can live like this because of True Parents." That family was truly grateful to True Parents. When I parted from them, I felt something pulling at my heartstrings and also got the feeling of having been born again. No matter what we do, we are not doing it for ourselves, and all victories we win are thanks to True Parents. Since True Parents are with us, we will continue to achieve more victories in the future and build a glorious future together. [Applause]

I have a dream to make a church that those in our second and third generations can proudly proclaim they are members of. When members of our second or third generations are with other people, I want them to be able to say, I am a Unification Church member, and I'm proud of it. I want them to display this to society. When they register in a school and are asked what their religion is,² I want them to be able to write that they are Unification Church members rather than "non-denominational Christians." Such a time will certainly come. [Applause] Let's make a church that can praise our True Father and True Mother for millions of generations to come! I'm positive that my older brothers Hyo-jin nim, Heung-jin nim, Young-jin nim and other members of the True Family in the spirit world will work with us and that great and amazing miracles will occur.

Everyone, let's all give great glory to True Parents, and in so doing, offer our True Parents our resounding applause! **STW**

2 This is a standard question on school registration forms.



Roots of the Korean Deadlock

By David Beard

Situations long unresolved are easily ignored—inertia sets in, memories dim. Korea’s division occurred before most of us were born. This article looks at the last great efforts made to reunite Korea—the Korean War and the United Nations’ Conference on Korea that followed it.

The Korean War was unusual in that it drew combatants from eighteen foreign nations to a peninsula roughly the size of Oman. There was a great logistical orchestration of matériel and men over thousands of miles. Many died,¹ yet the stated goal of the war, Korean unification, was not achieved. Immediate and remote influences contributed to this unthinkable outcome.

Fingers point at Russia

On the day U.S. newspapers announced the North Korean People’s Army (KPA) attack on South Korea, major papers added that Washington blamed Moscow for the aggression. Though no Russians were spotted in the June 25, 1950 invasive attack and the Soviet Union had announced by radio eighteen months earlier that all her troops had left North Korea, the American government, without hesitation, blamed the Soviet Union as the instigator. Somewhere out of sight, they were sure, Premier Josef Stalin was pulling the strings.

The Korean conflict began five years after the Second World War ended. Suspicions that the Soviets masterminded the invasion of South Korea were likely based on the experience of the United States, Britain and France with the Soviet Union as World War II Allies, a partnership cobbled together by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill for the purpose of defeating Nazi Germany.

Marriages of convenience

France was the first to seek an alliance of nations powerful enough to put a damper on Germany’s plans for territorial expansion. It signed a pact of mutual assistance with the Soviet Union in 1935. British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain’s aversion to the USSR kept Britain out of that agreement and drove Chamberlain to sign a peace treaty, the Munich Pact, with Adolf Hitler in late September 1938. With the Munich Pact, the British prime minister granted Germany the part of Czechoslovakia that held the strongest Czech defenses against invasion. The pact also bought Hitler time to build up his armies. In March 1939, Hitler invaded the rest of Czechoslovakia. This blatant violation of their agreement awakened Chamberlain, but it was already too late.

On August 23, 1939, Soviet Russia signed a non-aggression pact with Nazi Germany. On September 1, Germany invaded Poland from the east. Britain and France declared war on Germany on September 3. Russia’s Red Army invaded Poland from the west two weeks later. The conquest of Europe had begun in earnest.

Chamberlain resigned in May 1940 and died that November. Churchill replaced him as prime minister.

Meanwhile, the Soviets were preparing for the certain day when Germany would

¹ Estimated Korean deaths (North, South, military and civilian) 2–3 million of a total population of 30 million. Combat deaths: Australia, 339; Belgium, 101; Canada, 312; Colombia, 163; Ethiopia, 121; France, 262; Greece, 192; Luxembourg, 2; Netherlands, 120; New Zealand, 23; Philippines, 122; South Africa, 34; Thailand, 129; Turkey, 741; UK, 746; U.S., 33,741; UN estimate of Chinese deaths, 900,000; I found no reliable Soviet figure, but at least 70,000 Russians participated in the war.



betray their alliance and launch an attack against Russia. To create a buffer, Russia brazenly invaded Finland at the end of November 1939 and in June 1940 absorbed the Baltic States—Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania—through sheer coercion. (The German army entered Paris in the middle of the same month.) A year later, in June 1941, Germany did invade the Soviet Union. Three months after that, Nazi troops were attacking Moscow.

The Big Three

Most Americans remained aloof through all that. The government of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) had begun sharply increasing military spending in 1939 and was trying to put the country on a war footing, but this ran counter to the isolationist mood of the American citizenry.

FDR secretly met Churchill in waters near Newfoundland, Canada, for a shipboard conference in early August 1941. In an effort to coax the U.S. public to accept active involvement in the war, news of the meeting was later released to the press. Reports included photos of military leaders from the two countries conferring and the text of the Atlantic Charter,² a document that expressed the wartime ideals of the two leaders. It called for such things as “no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned,” and “respect [for] the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they will live.” Members of the British public, who were experiencing the war firsthand, assailed the charter as naïve and insubstantial. Certainly, the two leaders’ apparent openheartedness was a disadvantage when they later negotiated with their wartime ally, Josef Stalin. The press dubbed the trio the Big Three.

It took Japan’s direct attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor to bring the U.S. into the Second World War. At their first meeting with FDR and Churchill following Pearl Harbor, the (British and American) Combined Chiefs of Staff decided that the European theater had precedence over the Pacific theater of war. A number of other U.S. leaders and a segment of the public felt the European orientation was a tactical blunder. Broadly, those opposed to

² In January 1942, 26 Allied nations signed the Atlantic Charter; thus, it is considered one of the UN’s foundational documents.



At Yalta, Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt and Josef Stalin

the Europe-first policy were the more adamantly anti-communist and Christians who feared a focus on Europe would lead to Communist encroachment endangering their mission work in Asia. As it happened, the Europe-first policy had grave ramifications for Asia. The Chinese Nationalists (Kuomintang) would suffer its effects, as would the Koreans.

Winter palaces

Different sets of allied leaders met at different wartime conferences. The Big Three met only twice—in Tehran, Iran, in November 1943, and in Yalta, present-day Ukraine, in February 1945. The Yalta meetings were held in two former czarist palaces surrounded by a devastated city. Among other things, negotiations there decided how territory retaken from the Axis Powers would be dealt with.

At the time of the Yalta conference, the Red Army was only forty miles from Berlin. As the Russians had fought their way across Europe toward that ultimate target, they were implementing farsighted plans to possess the territory they were traveling through. In some cases, indigenous communist leaders, such as Mátyás Rákosi of Hungary and Ana Pauker of Romania, were transported from Russia by the Red Army back to their homelands, where they prepared for future

leadership. They had undergone years of training in the USSR that evidently focused on ways of subverting democratic institutions as tools for communizing their nations.

Agreements negotiated at the Yalta conference facilitated communist efforts. As one participant, British diplomat Frank Roberts, put it, “Stalin was very skillful in dealing with Roosevelt and Churchill.”

Stalin demanded a wide swath of eastern Poland on the premise that in both world wars Germany had traversed that territory to invade Russia. This was granted. After Yalta, the Polish government-in-exile, based in London, was cast adrift; support was withdrawn. Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, its prime minister, returned to Poland and participated in a coalition government but was terrorized into fleeing the country in 1947 as the communist grip tightened on the whole of Poland.

In nations where the Nazis had been driven out, the leaders agreed at Yalta “to form interim governmental authorities broadly representative of all democratic elements in the population.” In Eastern Europe, the Soviets interpreted these to be governments with a Communist Party element (no matter what the level of public support for it), which would gradually “purge the reactionaries” and establish one-party communist dictatorships.

Manchuria

A government official who was at Yalta later explained that “Roosevelt and Churchill also conceded Stalin’s demands in the Far East, including...the



In the first 3 months of war, the U.S. Army had transported 100,000 people and 2 million tons of equipment to Korea



On July 10, 1951, armistice negotiations began in a tent near Kaesong, North Korea. That day, the Communist side barred newsmen, so the UN delegation walked out. Talks resumed 4 days later.

acquisition of a position in Manchuria that was tantamount to full control of that ancient Chinese province.”

Japan had taken Manchuria in 1931, while the Nationalists, who then governed China and had U.S. support, were mired in civil war with the Mao’s Communists. The two sides agreed to set aside their conflict and focus on defeating Japan. The U.S., through General George C. Marshall, acted as a go-between, which included supplying arms to the Communists. It would later emerge that American officials in China were somewhat infatuated with Mao’s rebels, whom they wrote of as more a liberal than a malignant force. They were also frustrated with the Nationalists because it was clear they required U.S. military participation to maintain control of China. Monetary assistance was not enough. Europe-first supporters, like General Marshall, were loathe to become that deeply involved in China.

With this as the background, FDR and Churchill agreed to cede the Manchurian territory of one ally, Nationalist China, to another, Soviet Russia.

The first Soviet–Japanese battles of the war took place in Manchuria; twelve thousand Russian soldiers died in eleven days of fighting to defeat the Japanese Army. By October 1945, reports emerged of Russians dismantling factories there and shipping them back to the Soviet Union.

Some saw a direct connection between Roosevelt and Churchill giving control of Manchuria to Stalin and the Nationalist’s eventual defeat. “It was the Soviet occupation of Manchuria that gave the Chinese communists their

big start,” wrote one author. They believed Manchuria was used as a rendezvous point where Mao’s guerrillas received supplies of captured Japanese weapons. Traditionally, China has denied Russian support in their revolution, but documents have emerged from Russian archives that record the transfer to the Communist Chinese of a large stockpile of Japanese weapons without mentioning a specific date or place.

In early August, the Soviet Pacific Fleet turned its attention on northern Korea, bom-

barding from sea and landing marines at a Japanese naval base that was a key source of supplies for Japan’s army in Manchuria. By the twenty-fourth, the 25th Soviet Army, led by General Ivan Chistiakov, with an indeterminate number of Soviet Koreans under his command, had taken Heijio (present-day Pyongyang). The Red Army worked quickly, setting up local governments as they moved down the Korean peninsula.

Public backlash over Yalta

When the details of the Yalta agreement were revealed, the British, whose cities had been Nazi bomb targets, may have reacted pragmatically. Some Americans wanted to believe that FDR’s decrepit health³ accounted for the concessions made to Stalin. It later became clear, however, that as a matter of policy set months earlier, FDR was willing to concede whatever was necessary to get Stalin to agree to enter the war against Japan.⁴

Roosevelt—who in 1933 established diplomatic relations with the USSR—was not alone in hoping the alliance would last far into the postwar years. Nevertheless, the results of the 1945 Yalta Conference signaled that whatever intangible conditions had provided a

³ By Yalta, FDR (63) was mortally ill. Polio (or a polio-like disease) he contracted at 39 had left him paralyzed below the waist. A heavy smoker, he had high blood pressure.

⁴ Soviet participation may have expedited Japan’s surrender, and Russia defeated outlying Japanese armies that might have fought on after the Home Islands’ surrender. Some say FDR saw no point in a UN without the Soviets was wooing them toward eventual UN membership.

basis for sincere cooperation had vanished as if they had never existed.

Meeting in eastern Germany

Much had changed by the Potsdam Conference, which began in July 1945. Roosevelt was dead, struck down by a massive cerebral hemorrhage on April 12. He was replaced by Harry S. Truman, who’d been FDR’s vice-president. Truman was sworn in as president in a one-minute ceremony only hours after FDR died. Hitler was dead. He killed himself on April 30 as the Russians took Berlin. Churchill came accompanied by Clement Attlee. British elections took place while they were in Potsdam. Churchill’s party lost. His positions as prime minister and as chief British negotiator at the conference were taken by Clement Attlee.

The provisional division of Germany into zones to be occupied by Russia, America, Britain and France was determined at Potsdam. Greater Berlin was also divided into sectors among the Allies.

Truman met Stalin at Potsdam; he experienced Stalin’s boorishness and endured Stalin’s personal insults. It was a turning point.

The U.S. awakens

Following World War II, communism metastasized through Eastern Europe. It was threatening Greece and Turkey as well, where Moscow-directed troublemakers fueled anti-government resentment over war related deprivations. In response, on March 12, 1947, Truman spoke to the U.S. Congress, calling for his nation to take over financial aid to Greece and Turkey from financially ailing Britain. Truman set out basic principles calling for America to aid any nation “resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures.”

For the next several days, several times each day, translations of this speech were broadcast in Russia, France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, China, Korea and Thailand. In the rest of Europe and the Middle East, the original recording was rebroadcast.

Meanwhile, George C. Marshall, who since retiring from the Army had been appointed Secretary of State, returned from Moscow where he had had meetings with Stalin. Marshall was horrified by Stalin’s patient confidence that all of impoverished Europe—Eastern and Western—would turn to communism to solve its problems. To counter commu-

nist expansion, Marshall developed the European Recovery Program to provide financial loans and economic aid to war-torn European countries.

Communism was indeed rising even in Western Europe, especially in France and Italy. The Americans felt that French leftists would act independently of Moscow but that Italian leftists, if elected, would do Moscow's bidding. The U.S. government strongly interfered in and successfully influenced the 1948 Italian national elections.

Near catastrophe in Berlin

In Germany, the Western powers were cooperating between their zones, but the Soviets had sealed off theirs. A Soviet-raised German would later defect and write a book explaining that the Soviets were determined to control all of Germany and had not expected the Western allies to remain for very long in their zones of occupation.

Recognizing that the USSR would not tolerate a united, democratic Germany, the other zones announced that after reforming the currency, they intended for West Germany to unite and form its own government. This was met with outright hostility from the Soviet Zone, which was most keenly felt in Berlin, the one city shared by the former allies. At first there were daily denunciations in the press, and then events took a dangerous turn.

Berlin was deep within the Soviet portion of Germany. The Soviets blocked all land transportation through their zone to the Western sectors of Berlin. This happened intermittently at first, but once the new currency was issued,



Lt. Gen. Nam Il presents the Armistice Agreement to North Korean Premier Kim Il-Sung for his signature. Kim had pushed Stalin for permission to launch the war but after three years of bloody warfare he welcomed the ceasefire.

a full-time clampdown began on June 24, 1948. All shipments of goods, manufacturing supplies—even food—came to a halt. It was estimated that two million deaths might result.

U.S. military leaders in Washington considered whether to abandon Berlin, seek a diplomatic solution, or go to war. When the crisis arose, the U.S. military was in disarray; World War II demobilization had occurred too quickly. There were few available soldiers on European soil.

The military option they developed called for dropping 196 atomic bombs on major military and industrial areas of the Soviet Union, but they had neither enough bombs nor trained bomber crews to execute it.

With no feasible military option, Truman bluffed. He ordered ninety B-29 Superfortress Bombers flown to air bases in England. It was B-29s that bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki, but the ones Truman sent had not been modified to carry atomic weapons.

As a stop-gap measure while a diplomatic avenue was sought, British and American pilots began flying supplies for the populations of all non-Soviet sectors of Berlin by plane. Astonishingly, they were able to supply Berlin's needs and continued to do so. On December 31, they completed their 100,000th flight. Around eighty people would die from air crashes before the airlift ended on

September 30, 1949. So nervous were they about sparking horrific war that Western leaders dared not attempt to open a land route following the June 24th announcement of the blockade.

Invasion by the North

The Korean War broke out less than a year later. Rumors of Soviet involvement were rife. By the fifth day of the war, the U.S. Commander of the Far East Air Forces had to deny U.S. news reports that many of the North Korean fighter planes had Russian pilots.



Mark Clark, Commander-in-Chief of the United Nations Command signs the Korean Armistice Agreement on July 27, 1953. As agreed, fighting continued for 12 hours more.

In fact, the first Russian pilots didn't arrive until October, in response to the Incheon landing, which was orchestrated by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The Russians were initially based near the North Korean capital, which they'd come to defend. "Our pilots' work in the skies over Pyongyang will inevitably be discovered by the U.S. troops right after the first air combat," Defense Minister Vasilevsky had warned Marshal Stalin, "because all the [communication] in the air will be conducted by our pilots in the Russian language."

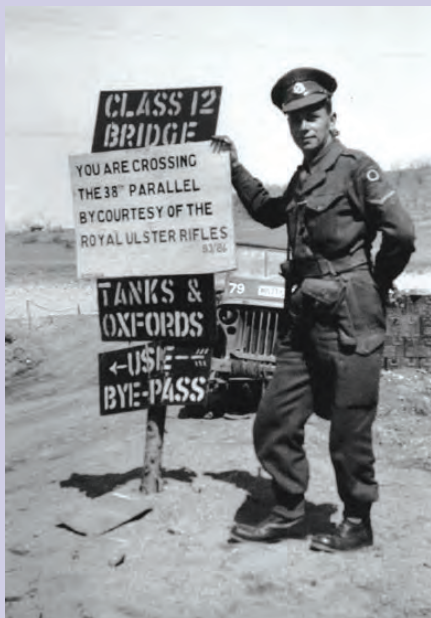
Stalin wished the Soviet presence in the Korean War to remain secret. Russian pilots practiced subterfuge to hide their origins, including making clumsy attempts to speak Chinese over the radio from a card of Chinese phrases rendered in the Cyrillic alphabet, which one pilot later called "impossible psychologically in the heat of battle." The pilots discarded the idea after a week or two, and as Mr. Vasilevsky predicted, UN Forces intelligence officers knew immediately that Russian pilots were in the war.

Senior UN military personnel decided that a UN Security Council member's involvement against the UN Forces was a fact better kept hidden. Herbert Brownell, a friend of Dwight D. Eisenhower's (U.S. president at war's end) later explained, "We had to keep that under the carpet. If that had ever gotten out, there would have been tremendous pressure to have a war with Russia."

When the UN Forces were in North Korea, all Russian flights (with one exception) originated in Chinese territory. UN pilots were not allowed to pursue enemy planes into Chinese airspace or to bomb in the area near the border.

Going north of the 38th Parallel

Before North Korea pounced on the South, Chinese Communists had announced they would invade Formosa (present-day Taiwan), where after losing China to the communists, the Kuomintang had fled in 1949. So, in conjunction with troops to Korea, Truman ordered the Seventh Fleet to blockade Formosa, preventing attacks by either side. He was afraid the Korean War would escalate into a regional war. (General Douglas MacArthur disagreed. After China entered the war, he advocated having the half-million-strong Kuomintang military open up a “second front” against



UN Forces crossed the 38th Parallel on October 1, 1950. Most of the Truce Line, which divides the Koreas today is north of the 38th Parallel.

China by attacking the mainland.)

To halt the initial North Korean advance down the peninsula, U.S. troops came from Japan. On September 15, when North Korea was about to break through the UN line of defense near Daegu, an amphibious operation landed 70,000 UN troops at Incheon. On that day, Truman spoke of helping Korea become “a united, independent and democratic country.” He did this in anticipation of nervousness among his allies when UN troops crossed into North Korean territory after taking Seoul a few days later. South Korean soldiers led the way in the drive across the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, liberating towns and cities as they moved north.

China's entrance

Stalin had agreed to help in the military reunification of Korea. He supplied equipment, advisers, pilots and aircraft-related personnel. Following the Incheon Landing and several meetings with the Russian Politburo, Stalin concluded that deeper involvement was not to Soviet advantage.

Shortly before Seoul fell to UN troops, Kim Il-sung appealed to Stalin for Soviet soldiers or for volunteers from other communist countries. Kim told Stalin that if the KPA were defeated, U.S. imperialists would make of Korea a colony on Russia's doorstep.

Stalin contacted Mao asking him to send troops. In a tempered fashion, Mao refused.

There were more meetings. Nikita Khrushchev later wrote that the Soviet Politburo refused to send more men, and Stalin resigned himself to the idea of having American neighbors.

Nevertheless, Stalin sent another message to Mao —this one more desperate than convincing. Without consulting his Politburo, Mao announced which general would lead Chinese People's Volunteers (CPV) into the Korean War.

Only after Chinese soldiers poured into North Korea by the hundreds of thousands was MacArthur granted permission to bomb the bridges they'd used to cross the Yalu River.

The CPV traveled by night and hid for several days before attacking and overrunning the northernmost UN units. UN forces retreated below the Thirty-Eighth Parallel without engaging in any major battles.

MacArthur wired to the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) suggesting that, now that they were fighting the CPV, the UN Forces accept a previous offer of 33,000 Kuomintang troops from Formosa. Truman replied through the Joint Chiefs that British troops would not be comfortable fighting beside Chinese Nationalists.

Britain had granted diplomatic recognition to Red China ten months earlier in an effort to salvage its £300 million capital investment in China (six times that of the U.S.). With the incursion of the Chinese “volunteers,” Britain's situation was awkward.⁵

General MacArthur's exit

On November 31, 1950, during a ques-

5 Similarly, some U.S. government policies in the Japanese Occupation had been overturned by business-related lobbyists.



Gen. Douglas MacArthur meeting John Foster Dulles at Haneda Airport, Tokyo, on June 21, 1950. Dulles, then a U.S. State Department consultant, had arrived from Korea, where war broke out four days later.

tion-and-answer session with reporters, Truman spoke in the same loose manner that would soon get MacArthur fired. A *New York Times* summary of his comments read, “We will, if necessary to assure victory, use the atom bomb.... [Truman] would give the authorization should the time come, and General MacArthur would choose the target. Chinese Communist bases will be attacked, he added, if the United Nations brands Peiping [Beijing] an aggressor.”

Truman's comments, particularly the image he evoked of MacArthur choosing targets, caused pandemonium in European capitals and at the UN. A domestic scandal that threatened the French government was set aside. The French premier flew to London to confer with Prime Minister Attlee, who then flew to Washington for several days of meetings with Truman. Attlee and Truman agreed to avoid expanding the war with China and publicly offered to end the “Korean hostilities” by negotiating with the Chinese. With that step taken, MacArthur increasingly irked leaders in high places with comments on fighting to win in Korea. (China responded to the negotiation offer, but with ludicrously high demands.)

Attlee's arrival back in Britain seemed to call forth the ghost of Neville Chamberlain. The *Washington Post* paraphrased British reactions as expressed by their diplomatic corps, “There is a suggestion of appeasement. When the Berlin blockade was underway, the West

wouldn't negotiate until it had been lifted. But the Washington communiqué speaks of being ready to seek an end to hostilities by negotiation even though the Chinese are still surging southward."

MacArthur usually directed the Korean War and oversaw the Japanese Occupation from an office in Tokyo. That's where, on April 11, 1951, the general received a small brown envelope that had the word "flash" printed on it in red. It contained the notification of his dismissal. Subsequent congressional hearings on his ouster would show MacArthur's Asia-first stance was a key factor in his removal.

One stunned soldier stationed in Tokyo asked, "What grounds are there for his removal [just] because he answered a personal letter from the Republican leader in Congress?" Truman had warned the general not to contradict government policies publicly, but MacArthur continued to do so. He had exchanged several personal letters with Congressman Joseph W. Martin, a strong supporter of the Kuomintang. The congressman read one of these letters from the floor of the U.S. Congress. In it, the general wrote that he found it strange how some people could not accept that Asia was the center of the struggle against communism. In Europe, diplomats were fighting with words, but the Communists had chosen Asia as the center by launching a war there to further their aims.

As if to bolster MacArthur's assertion that an anti-Asian bias existed, Senator Ernest McFarland reacted by saying he felt building up Western Europe's defenses was more important for the



"For anything less than reunification to come out of these great sacrifices of Koreans and their powerful allies would be unthinkable."—President Rhee by cable to President Truman
Above: South Korean citizens protesting against the Armistice Agreement

United States than investing itself fully in the fight in Asia. Senator Absalom Robertson added, "The 270 million people of Western Europe...have more productive capacity from a military standpoint than the eight or nine hundreds of millions of Asia."

Armistice talks

On June 23, 1951, from a desk beneath a mammoth portrait of Josef Stalin in the offices of the Soviet delegation to the UN, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Jacob Malik participated for the first

time in the UN radio program "Price of Peace." Near the end of his fourteen-minute monologue, he suggested talks aimed at a cease-fire should take place in Korea. A week later, Gen. Matthew Ridgway, MacArthur's replacement as Commander of UN Forces, broadcast his acceptance of the offer by radio.

The first talks took place in Kaesong in July 1951. They were later moved to Panmunjom. Exchanging prisoners was the most contentious issue, because tens of thousands of communist prisoners did not want to go back. Two years of warfare occurred while the talks dragged on.

Mao worried that Soviet military aid would dry up at war's end. Stalin, too, wanted the war to continue, but he died on March 5, 1953. The Soviets began a great peace offensive. They wished to show a contrast between Stalinism and Communism. They advocated signing the armistice. Kim Il-sung was ready to sign immediately, but Mao overruled him. The Chinese launched one more campaign before the armistice was finally signed on July 23, 1953.

Military men negotiated the armistice, paragraph sixty of which recommended holding a diplomatic conference after the ceasefire was implemented. This was arranged at a meeting in Berlin of the foreign ministers from the four countries occupying that city. The conference took place in Geneva from April 26–June 15, 1954, and included such luminaries as Chou Enlai, Anthony Eden, Vyacheslav Molotov and John Foster Dulles. Foreign Minister Pyun Yung-tai eloquently represented South Korea. North Korea sent Foreign Minister Nam-il, a Soviet Korean, who had also led the North Korean delegation in the armistice talks. Yet, the two sides were arguing from irreconcilable positions. High-powered diplomatic attention came only after war had added bitterness to already intransigent views.

Korea needed advocates fully committed to her welfare long before the Russians sealed off the north in 1945, yet she was barely mentioned in the wartime conferences that determined the fate of the postwar world. Today, True Father has called us all to work for the restoration of his homeland. His trust in us makes Korean reunification not a distant, foreign issue, but a deeply personal one. **TW**

This was originally written as a companion to the interview of Prof. Choi Woonsang in our last issue.



The Korean War left a nation divided and a people devastated.

Young People in a Land of Old Conflicts

By Joshua A. Lorenzana

Efforts to bring peace in the Middle East have been ongoing for decades, with diplomatic successes too often overrun by violence and reaction on the streets. In the past three months, the Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP), in partnership with the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in Israel, has introduced an ongoing initiative for local and international youth that offers a new paradigm of young leadership for the divided region.

The vision for YFWP's new initiative, the International Youth Leadership Program, came from YFWP's president, Hyun-jin Moon, and Martin Luther King III, son of noted civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

While in Israel last August, Hyun-jin Moon called for the launch of a Global Peace Festival in Israel that would create a broad coalition of stakeholders in the peace process, including government officials and agencies, religious groups and nongovernmental organizations. While the two were appearing together at Hebrew University and at a subsequent forum with Palestinian youth in Bethlehem, Martin Luther King III highlighted the largely untapped potential of the region's youth to find new paths to peace.

The International Youth Leadership Program builds on the history of the UPF interfaith Middle East Peace Initiatives but was specifically organized for young leaders. In the program, participants from the United States and Europe joined Israelis in visits to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem for fact-finding sessions, interfaith dialogue, community service and immersion in the culture of the region. In an approach reflecting the significance of the Holy Land's religious heritage, the delegates also toured Jewish, Christian and Islamic sacred sites.

A different standpoint

One of the most important goals of the initiative was to bring a "parental" perspective to the historic conflict that divides the three Abrahamic faiths. "This time you are going to view things from a different point of view—the parental heart," Hod Ben Zvi, the secretary general of UPF Israel, told participants. "We listen with compassion. From the start, we as youth leaders should exercise a parental role by not taking sides. If we are able to maintain the heart of a parent we will not only grow personally and in our leadership capacity, we can also help the local people."

"The tragedy of human pain and suf-

fering exists on both sides," said YFWP Executive Vice-President David Caprara, recalling that a week before, Jewish students were killed in retaliation for an Israeli military action in Gaza that killed nearly a hundred Palestinians. "Somewhere...this cycle of violence must end," Caprara noted. "It was young people that stood up and launched major changes for justice and ideals. You have the power of imagination and dreams."

Hod Ben Zvi and Giorgio Gasperoni, the UPF secretary-general of San Marino, organized a pilot program with Italian youth in December 2007. In January another twenty young Italians came for a week-long learning and service program.

From February 29 to March 1, seventeen Jewish and Arab students and young professionals attended a seminar to learn about social activism aimed at peace, as well as the YFWP leadership concept and peace initiatives. A follow-up program from March 10 to 16, jointly sponsored by YFWP and Realizing the Dream, Mr. King's organization, empowered a total of forty new youth peace ambassadors, including young leaders from the United States and Europe with the cadre of Israeli and Arab youths trained in the prior workshop.

The power of young people united

These four programs included elements of learning, service, interfaith dialogue and interaction, bringing a comprehensive approach to peace building. Even more notable, the projects emphasized activism and establishing new relationships across cultural lines among those formerly perceived as enemies, thereby advancing the universal vision of one family under God.

Throughout history, young leaders have been instrumental in creating positive social changes. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for example, led the Montgomery bus boycott while in his mid-twenties.

The Italian, American and European youth met with young activist counterpart groups such as the One Voice Movement and the Democratic Mizrahi Keshet. Dr. Muli Peleg, a professor of political sci-



Participants pose in front of the Old City of Jerusalem

ence at Tel Aviv University and director of One Voice, facilitated a discussion on social activism. Following a meeting with the Democratic Mizrahi Keshet, an organization that helps less privileged Middle Eastern Jews, participants went into the community for hands-on service work.

The young leaders also exchanged views with young political activists and Jewish and Arab-Israeli students. These dialogues provided a space to voice the diverse concerns of Israeli society. At one forum at the Yitzhak Rabin Center, Jewish political party representatives from the left, right and center of the political spectrum became embroiled in a debate touching on their most cherished beliefs and stances on issues. Despite sometimes-passionate disagreements, each of the representatives came to understand the YFWP vision and vowed to support the Global Peace Festival to be held in the city of Haifa in November this year.

In their interactions with Arab-Israelis, many young delegates recognized how stereotypes distorted their views. Overseas participants particularly could see how sensational news accounts of acts of terrorism had influenced their image of Muslims and Arabs. The warmth and hospitality of Muslims toward the international group, particularly during a visit to an Arab town in northern Israel, made it plain that the vast majority of Arab Muslims desire peace.

Service as a catalyst

Knowing that service is a foundation for peace, participants invested their efforts in a number of community projects. The Ital-



Martin Luther King III, who heads Realizing the Dream, speaking at the Geneva Peace Accord Institute

ians planted trees and cleaned an area that had been a Jewish settlement. The American and European group painted with children who only recently had had heart surgery and planted flowers in the yard of the building where the youngsters stay.

In these service projects, volunteers felt a sense of purpose and hope. One participant, Meinan Goto, reflected, "We don't really have to worry so much about politics when we serve something higher and the people who really need it.... I see how barriers are broken. This is a really important step in bringing peace—not just talking about peace but really living peace through service."

Although the participants came from different religious and ethnic backgrounds, through the process of serving, listening and sharing, they achieved a sense of ownership of the vision of one family under God. During morning services, participants read passages of scripture from different religions on the same theme. They also listened to the tes-

timonies of representatives of the faiths. One Jewish student revealed that it was the first time he has made Muslim friends. A Muslim from the United Kingdom recognized that the spiritual dimension of the project was much needed for real peace. Indeed, a common vision of peace beyond racial and religious boundaries united everyone.

The staff of Realizing the Dream Foundation shared the same goals and worked closely with YFWP, while stressing a message of non-violence based on the American civil rights movement. Their joint guidance provided the framework and culture of inclusion

for this youth leadership experience.

As a participant in these projects and as an intern from the Unification Theological Seminary, I feel hopeful that this kind of leadership paradigm will change the landscape of peace relations in this region. While many young people end up being skeptical about peace because of the unending conflict, this program awakens and legitimizes idealism, which has become rare among people who have suffered so much injustice. A new breed of peace activists is needed, as recognized even by peace-building scholars, to counter the reactive and oftentimes destructive religious extremism among some young people. This initiative provided a model for future peace programs. A big step has been taken, with only better things to come. *STW*

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Left: Meeting Palestinian and Israeli members of One Voice Right: Visiting social activists in south Tel Aviv; Joshua Lorenzana is the man holding a video camera

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 unable to find a place in the history recorded in the Bible because the focus of the providence was on Adam alone. Thus, neither people's understanding nor prayers could reach the ideal of True Parents, and history has unfolded thus until now.

If a restored Adam were to arrive again, what would he do and how would he live? In the end, Adam would have to find a perfect Eve among the potential Eves and take her as his bride, for such is the mission of the one who comes as perfected Adam.

Adam and Eve—men and women generally—can finally become one through this True Parents' Day. That is to say, True Parents' Day signifies the beginning of the breaking down of all walls representing evil destiny and signifies the coming together of Adam and Eve who had been separated from each other. Before this point, therefore, the union of the two sexes was remote from the blessing of God, and was,



With True Parents in Hawaii, Hyo-jin nim's son, Shin-chul nim, lights candles on the 49th True Parents' Day offering table in the Cheon Jeong Peace Place

rather, the reenactment of the Fall. It added to Satan's lineage and pained God's heart. Now, through True Parents, however, the foundation has been laid on which the union of the two sexes can occur in God's presence for the first time and this can multiply and expand outward.

Next, through True Parents' Day, an opportunity has been created for Heavenly Father and human beings—who are His children—to come together. Unless True Parents are established on earth, God cannot come down to the human world, settle down and dwell here permanently. He cannot settle down with Adam alone or Eve alone, but only when perfected Adam and perfected Eve come together as one in true love can He finally come and dwell there. Therefore, for the first time ever, through True Parents' Day, human beings and God, who had been estranged from each other, can meet each other and the wall between us and Him break down.

After establishing True Parents' Day, True Father could go on to establish True Children's Day and Day of All True Things and later fulfill the condition to establish even True God's Day. As we consider this amazing fact, we should fully

understand that True Parents' Day is the day for which all humanity should give thanks and glory to True Father and True Mother forever.

While looking through some old documents, Mrs. Shim Woo-ok found a copy of a letter sent to True Father from Hyo-jin nim, and I happened to read it. I would like to read it for you today. He wrote:

Dear Father:

How have you been and are you healthy? It has been a month since I came to Korea. I'm sorry I haven't written to you before. Now that I have entered the first year of high school, there are not a few problems in studying, but as I promised you, I will do my very best. Father, I have turned eighteen¹ and have entered a critical time in my life to decide my future. Father, I regret each and every time I disappointed you when I was just a child. Not only did I not practice filial piety to the parents who gave birth to me, I let you down; just to think of it makes me feel ashamed, even if I were to die many times.

Father, I will settle down now and do my very best. If I may, I would like to say something to you about the matter of your residence. Since you are working in the West, when you come to Korea, I believe you need a place to stay. Next year marks your sixtieth birthday, and in my opinion, you need not only a place to hold your sixtieth birthday party but also an appropriate place for you to stay when you come to Korea. In my duty as your son, why wouldn't I want to have you stay in the best place? When God looks down on me, He, too, will think ill of me for not being able to give you a present for your sixtieth birthday when I am your firstborn son and should walk in your footsteps. I'm not saying this because I want to live in a nice place. Our church now has a worldwide foundation through your hard work. Therefore, I think the time has come for us to repay you. So I hope and pray that you will grant us an opportunity to express our gratitude in a small way.

We hope to serve and attend you better than any other children do their parents. In my duty as your son, how could I not worry about it? Please don't brush this aside, thinking I am too young, but please give this some consideration. Father you have often said that it would give you enough satisfaction to see me study hard. However, that is not enough. I believe we need to prepare a residence for you, even if I have to pay for it myself. As your son, I would like to prepare a home base in your homeland, where you can reside comfortably. I will regret it if I am unable to do this for your sixtieth birthday.

Many church members desire to prepare a place for you. It can be done if we came together and collect money for a fund. If there are members who cannot afford to pay into the fund, I will make up for them by working even harder. Father your sixtieth birthday is coming up. It is a precious moment that only comes once in a lifetime. I believe the time has come for you to rest from your toils. I pledge that, in your stead I will work hard and dedicate myself—heart and soul—for the providence, so that I may return victory to our Heavenly Father, and become a great man who can stand in the lead in accomplishing your will. I will put this into practice, so Father please give this some thought. Please send me a prompt reply. Please make us happy. May you be healthy and well in the love of God until I see you again.

April 7, 1979

From your unworthy son Hyo-jin.

[Translated from the Korean]

To live up to his name, which means filial piety, Hyo-jin nim worked and struggled greatly to devote himself to True Parents. During this time of remembrance, we should remember him once again... I hope that we will all celebrate this day by returning glory to True Parents, who are offering whole-hearted conditions while far away. **STW**

1 By the Korean way of reckoning age; He was born in December 1962; he was sixteen by Western reckoning.



Restitution within Mother Earth's Embrace

The following account of a special initiative for repentance and reconciliation by sisters in America includes outtakes from personal reflections by Native Americans who participated.

By Linda Cornier



Rev. Linda Lucero Cornier, Director of United Native American Council (UNAC)

In 1607, the first permanent English settlement in North America, Jamestown, was founded in what would become the State of Virginia. Although the initial response of the native inhabitants was to share food with the immigrants and try to form alliances, these peacemaking efforts were not reciprocated by the English. Coming from vastly different cultures, the Europeans and Native Americans have had such different world views that their interaction over the centuries have largely been characterized by the indigenous people as conflict and suffering. Instead of harmonizing with the native peoples, the steadily increasing numbers of settlers from Europe displaced the native nations¹ and significantly affected their traditional culture. This painful wound in the history of the American peoples needs to be healed.

More than a hundred and sixty Native American, Asian, black and white women (and some of their husbands) came to Norfolk, Virginia, from all over America, and even from England, Japan and Israel, to honor Native American ancestors who had suffered and to pledge to make amends for some of the tragic mistakes made in America's past. This event, which took place on November 30 and December 1, 2007, was called Peacemakers for Sacred Healing.

Norfolk, which Father mentions in his Pacific Rim speech, is about forty miles from Jamestown. Though earlier settlements existed, Jamestown is the first that survives to this day in the United States, which some Native Americans still call "Turtle Island."

On November 30, the participants journeyed to Jamestown. As participants joined in a circle of prayer for reconciliation, representative Native American guests offered a traditional Four-Directional Prayer, followed by prayers from woman clergy members of different races. Afterward they visited a re-created indigenous peoples' village and the English settlement at the museum.

The following day, in Norfolk, the Peacemakers for Sacred Healing gathering was held. One highlight of the event was a Give-Away by white American participants. In Native American culture, important ceremonies were held by families to honor significant events or accomplishments by a family member. An important component of such honoring ceremonies was a give-away, in which the family prepared substantial gifts—such as valuable horses, beautifully decorated clothing, blankets or food—to give other members of their nation. The value of the gifts demonstrated how much the family honored and valued the individual. It also functioned as a means of income redistribution, with the neediest tribe members often being the main beneficiaries.

As a gesture of restitution for past injustices, twelve gifts were prepared and offered to Native American guests by descendants of prominent colonial-era leaders—past presidents (John Adams and John Quincy Adams), signers of the Declaration of Independence, founders of several colonies, and other prominent figures. Participants and audience members alike were deeply moved, realizing that this encounter of heart would affect their ancestors as well as their descendants.



Mrs. Claire Daugherty and her new Native American sister, Vaughnda Hilton, who is of Blackfoot, Seminole and Creek descent

¹ Some Native Americans refer to their specific ethnic group as a nation

Another highlight was the Sisterhood Ceremony, in which twelve women of colonial descent and twelve Native American women were paired and crossed the Bridge of Peace to be linked as sisters. The spirit in the room was so joyful and bright that when members of the audience were offered an opportunity to also cross the bridge and be paired with a sister, everyone stepped forward. Afterward everyone signed the Norfolk Declaration.

The day concluded with an intertribal Round Dance, in which everyone joined hands and circled the room in honor of all the participants. Future events are envisioned at other historic locations, with the desire that in the future this sisterhood can develop into substantial relationships, not only a symbolic encounter.

Wynema Morris, of the Omaha Tribe, wrote of her experience visiting the settlement: "I was not prepared for the feelings that I had within me. At the site an archeologist pointed out a kitchen hearth, where the 'first settlers' cooked their meals and gathered for warmth and sustenance. Standing there, looking at the remains of this long-ago primitive dwelling, I suddenly found myself in tears.... I realized that these were tears of anger, hurt, and grief for all the wrongs that had been done to my people."

She believed "some healing began to enter [her] spirit" only after meeting descendants of English settlers who sincerely apologized and asked for forgiveness.

Ms. Morris, who researches and teaches Native American history, was one of four Native Americans

appointed ambassadors for peace at the conference. She called this appointment "a great honor that I hope to fulfill." Of the white woman who became her sister through the Sisterhood Ceremony she wrote, "I feel so fortunate in being paired with her." Nevertheless, her heart was reticent to forgive injustices done to Native Americans.

Once home, she related her experience to her mother and sister. After absorbing what she had said, her mother responded, "These people, all those who acknowledged the wrongs done to us, they sound like they really meant it. And they came forth and admitted it. Why couldn't you accept their apology?"

Ms. Morris explained that perhaps she couldn't accept it because of her own pain, born of ostracism, growing up in America "always being 'the Indian girl' with black hair and braids and with the funny sounding name," along with her knowledge of tribes across America whose very way of life had been destroyed.

Her mother persisted: "But they acknowledged their wrongs and they asked you to forgive them. And, Wynema, think about it—they were sincere



In a chapel built on the foundation of Jamestown's first church, Mrs. Claire Daugherty gives some historical background to participants.

and they took you there, especially to ask this of you. If not these people, then who? And if not now, then when?"

"Seeing that my mother of eighty-five winters is still the wisest person I know," Wynema wrote, "I knew deep in my heart she was right." Their nation, the Omaha, had forged a history of peaceful practices in a hostile atmosphere. Who is going to carry on that tradition? How is the conference theme—Rebirth, Renewal and Reconciliation—to be substantiated? "It has to start now and it has to start with me," she realized. Wynema Morris concluded her reflection, "That night, at home in Walthill, Nebraska, on the Omaha Indian Reservation, my ancestral homelands, I slept deeply and finally, peacefully. I had a new sense of hope in my heart." **JW**

Linda Cornier (a Pueblo Native American) and Troylynn Yellow Wood (of Lakota and Cheyenne descent) offering prayers at a reconstruction of 17th century Mattaponi Indian homes at the Jamestown historical site



An Interview with Linda Cornier

Margaret Herbers (from the Family Federation HQ in the U.S.) recently interviewed Linda Cornier, who was matched and blessed by True Parents in 1982 and is the author of Restitution within Mother Earth's Embrace.

Margaret: What stands out in your mind about the months of preparation for the Peacemakers of Sacred Healing event?

Linda Cornier: First I want to honor those who made the spiritual foundation for that day. The event originated with an inspiration received by Mrs. Claire Daugherty to reconcile the wrongs of the past, remembering the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement. As a white American, she had a strong feeling that a reconciliation event was needed in 2007. This event also stood on a three-year foundation of prayer by Women in Ministry of the American Clergy Leadership Conference during their twice-monthly conference calls for prayer, led by Mrs. Reiko Jenkins. Claire, Brenda and Reiko asked for my input once planning was in progress.

There has been so much anguish in the past, which has led to the present conditions in the Native American nations, and perhaps many Americans are unaware of this suffering. I definitely feel we all carry the sins of our ancestors, but we can also carry the healing for our ancestors. I wanted to be an instrument of healing and reconciliation and renewal for America's painful beginnings in the conflict between Europeans and indigenous peoples.

One sister received that Native Americans in the spirit world were gathering to support the event. Those ancestors wanted to see everything made right for the sake of the future. They had disagreements among themselves but met and discussed these and held ceremonies to gather one mind and heart to do this. Generation upon generation prepared to attend as one body of all tribal nations united. They were coming on their horses in their finest regalia, with their heads held high as noble people worthy of respect. This was a very serious ceremony for them, and it was important that all the Natives American participants be met as equals by the white American participants. The Native Americans had been treated as

less than nothing by the Europeans who took away their lands, and they had to overcome this resentment. The noble warriors were inspiring the others to resurrect through their descendants and be a proud people once again.

Was visiting the Jamestown historic site an emotional experience for you and other Native Americans?

Absolutely. When we stood on the actual shore where the English arrived, a wave of feeling came over us, remembering what happened back then and how it affected the whole United States.

When we did the Four-Directional Prayer, facing north, south, east, and

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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, DECLARATION

December 1, 2007

We, the undersigned, are the Peacemakers for Sacred Healing between Native Americans and non-Native Americans.

We free ourselves from the pain and anguish of our past.

Our committed friendship is bound on earth and in heaven, in the spirit of our Ancestors.

We continue to respect our sacred earth, especially our love for America and will together serve the world as One Family Under God, Great Spirit, Yahweh, Allah, Jehovah, Heavenly Father, Creator, True Parent.

Amen, Aho, Aju!

This declaration was signed by all participants and, later, by True Parents

west, it brought back the original heart of the indigenous people, always praying for the world. We always had the concept of one family under God that never was understood by the Europeans. We can't divide Mother Earth, or the sky, or divide things that the Creator gave to us. We all have to share them because we are all interconnected. We never lost that desire to create peace.

I'm sure each Native American

participant was saddened when we walked through the recreated Indian village at Jamestown, visualizing the people living there, the children growing up in their homes, all for thousands of years before the Europeans came.

What was the significance of the Give-Away by white Americans?

It was a restorational gesture for the descendants of white Americans to give something back instead of taking. Our sister Brenda Miller had a revelation in prayer to create this ceremony. She prayed during six months to find each of the twelve gifts, which represented elements of Native American culture. I remember especially that a Seminole woman who had done a dance earlier in the program received the white sequined shawl, which symbolized the beauty of Native American women. This lady wept as the shawl was put around her shoulders because she had been feeling in conflict over continuing with her scheduled traditional performances. For her, the gift was an affirmation of the value of her traditional performing art. None of us had any idea beforehand about what was in her heart. This kind of experience made us feel that indeed historical healing was taking place.

It was also very meaningful that the non-natives presenting the gifts were descendants of prominent colonial Americans. Those ancestors too could benefit. Truly it was a day of joy and healing.

What was most important for you personally about this experience?

That it happened. I've been yearning for this for such a long time. When it finally came, it was a heart-lifting spiritual experience, a dream I was in. It was a sacred experience for me and a beginning point of what needs to happen again and again until every Native American can feel an experience of unity, healing the scars of our ancestors, healing our communities, and showing our young people a new beginning for a better future. When we did the Round Dance at the end, it was symbolic of what needed to happen in the past, what we need now and in future generations—it felt like one family under God, with each person an important link to complete the dance circle of life. *STW*



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