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Establishing Strong Abel Nations and the Abel UN



On 2.21 (March 13), Unification Church international president Hyung-jin Moon spoke with World Mission Headquarters staff members at the Hannam-dong house in Seoul. Afterward, he gave an interview for this magazine, which we are pleased to present here.

Today's World: What mind-set should members have in preparing for Foundation Day?

Hyung-jin nim: The first thing to understand is that True Mother, a human being, a child under the dominion of the God of Day, through her victorious relationship and marriage to Christ, who is from the God of Night, through that victorious course, is now entering into the God of Night and becoming the substantial representative of the feminine aspect of God. Through complete unity with Christ, Mother enters into the Godhead and represents the feminine aspect of the Godhead.

In other words, True Mother becomes the most victorious person ever. Even though people may not understand the intricate theology, they understand that it is of enormous significance that True Mother is to stand as the wife of God. We participate in that feast, in that marriage as a new covenant with True Parents who substantially represent the God of Night, the Godhead.

And that's the day when we will all be blessed again. God is giving the blessing, and at the same time we have to renew our covenant with God. Father has said many times in speeches that we know Father God but we haven't known Mother God.

This is really the marriage of the lamb, at the highest level.

With that foundation, the conditions for either world salvation or the opposite become possible, depending on how we choose. If we don't choose—if the world doesn't choose—to understand True Parents, it can collapse into tyranny.

So the second thing, therefore, is to understand the Strong Korea, strong Abel-nation concept, made urgent because the world faces a real threat.

The best way to prepare for Foundation Day is of course to offer your devotions, but at the same time to understand that in talking about Strong Korea, Strong Japan and Strong America, we are talking about *Strong Abel* nations—the Abel position ordained by God. But that is not from a position of weakness. Humility is good. Humility does not equal weakness. Humble but strong. Humble, but also able to stand up for God, to be a fighter for God and goodness and to stand against the tyranny and aggression by Cain.

Abel has to stand in the position to protect free societies. He can't do that by being weak. Just as in the school yard, bullies pick on those they perceive to be weak. We need to apply this insight to our respective nations and realize that true peace and freedom can only be sustained by strong Abel nations. We should awaken such awareness and raise the voices that can actually change the direction of a nation.

This is the next phase and wave to change the world. We can do this while True Parents are still here. We can stand in the central spiritual position to protect the free world based on the revelation True Father brought from God. This is impossible based merely on a man-made idea.

We will need a good strategy to convince secular leaders in society.

In Korea, with Kook-jin nim's "Strong Korea?" lecture, he is raising awareness. By raising awareness, you create a change. You create a market that agrees with these ideas. So you

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The Won-gu Peace Cup Cain-Abel Cosmic Harmony Tournament 2012 (3.2; March 23) featured games played with round balls, symbolizing the spherical motion created through different types of family relationships. The opening ceremony also included martial arts demonstrations; *Back cover*: Photos of the tournament's opening ceremony including True Parents' declaring it open.

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Cover Photo: True Parents give the Invocation of the Blessing during the Blessing Ceremony in the Era to Open the Gates to the Victory, Liberation and Completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, on 3.3 (March 24).

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Day of Victory of Love

The following is extracted from what True Father said on the Day of Victory of Love (1.2; January 24).

I waited until now because it had not been the right time. Now the time of the children has come. By entering the one realm of the liberation of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, the God of Night and the God of Day, God's family has emerged. In God's family there is the Heavenly Parent, there is a grandfather and grandmother, there is a mother and father, there is a couple, and then there are the two sons and their wives. All of these couples had been divided. On the basis of Heung-jin's passing, I must unite the divided paths of the spirit world. Since he was going there with the responsibility to bind things together, he was going into the position of an elder brother to Jesus. Since Jesus has an elder brother, he also has Parents.¹

Until now Jesus had no parents. Thus, even if a person knew of the one tradition, because the blessing did not exist, it was discontinued. However, with True Parents connecting Heung-jin to the spirit world, he became an elder brother to Jesus, and connected the separated God of Night and God of Day through True Parents and so took his position. As this was concluded by this time, the era of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind is now passing by.

That is why you must receive the blessing centering on the tradition and resemble the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Otherwise, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. That is why, second generation members, you should know that a serious time has come in which you will be unable to enter the kingdom of heaven if you fail to resemble that heavenly kingdom, teach from the position of a father and parent, and unite completely. I am not playing around.

True Parents conducted the Unification Ceremony of connecting the blood and sweat, tears, water from your nose, water from your mouth—these channels of tears that flow and merge. That is where the substance of the Unification Ceremony arises. Listen carefully; from now on, read True Parents' speeches and connect to them, otherwise there is no meaning

1 That is, True Parents

to participating in this occasion today. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Families especially should be aware of this. You must first understand this and teach others. What I mean is that the era of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind has come. Therefore, under circumstances where the Creator—the God of Night and God of Day—did not exist [for fallen humanity], as the God of Night and Day determines the position of the Parent, and as it established the position of the Parent of the cosmos, this will give rise to a family—God's family—for the first time.

If the Day of Victory of Love is not understood, God's family cannot arise. Do you understand? Heung-jin passed away because Heaven gave him as a sacrifice. You should all understand everything you hear in my speech today. These are such important times, but you have lived in ignorance for decades. For twenty-eight years, you lived without understanding these things. During this time, you stole, and the mothers and fathers [of the world] brought things down. You should repent, do you understand? [Yes.] If you do, clap your hands. [Applause]

You must know that because of the Day of Victory of Love a bridge to the adult era was built. You did not know of this until now. You blessed families are thick-headed! You have lived to this day without even knowing that you were engaging in thievery and without understanding the position that you have been in. You must change from today....

You are brothers, so you should uplift your elder brothers. You should uplift your elder siblings' couples and create God's family.

In order to reconnect what had been severed, I abandoned my children for twenty-nine years until now. I was never able to kiss them when they were babies or hold their hands. What about you? What about your children? When you didn't have enough to eat, you stole in order to eat, but when you think about how I starved and was in prison ...

[The Family Pledge is recited]

[While reciting verse two] That refers to God's family. It is not referring to your families!²

[While reciting verse four] You must live for the sake of the world. Yet, instead of doing witnessing, you eat and play! You must repent.

[After verse five] Who is the one who has been thinking everyday about the [Heavenly] Parent and about heaven and earth! You are all fake. You should know that you are a group of thieves that are betraying and stealing from this Pledge. You have wreaked havoc on the Unification Church. Because the time was not ripe, I had to go through hardships alone. There was no one but me. Since then, haven't I blessed the saints, the sages and your ancestors?...

I starved and went in and out of prison, yet what do you know about prison? You live off our assets and then suck the blood of those you have brought into the church. You have to repent. You should pay indemnity on account of your children.

[While reciting verse six] Have you become representative families! You're all fakes.

[While reciting verse seven] Do you know about the original bloodline?

[While reciting verse eight] Absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience...

Among you all, is there a family that has achieved at least one entire verse in the eight verses? Show me. Answer my question. You have to repent. Do you understand? [Yes.] All that you own, the nations and all that is owned by your clan does not belong to you but was obtained through thievery, fraud, conflict and falsehoods. This must all be erased. Do you understand? [Yes.] ...

Sit quietly. I will say a few words. In the past, after Heung-jin passed away, for the first, second, third and fourth year, people placed True Parents' photograph with greater respect than they had for their ancestors and offered a full bow to it and to our flag. Yet, midway, these blessed families discontinued all of that. This tradition must be rebuilt.

You who are below the ten saints that were blessed in the spirit world centering on God's family, centering on True Parents and centering on the people [here], cannot rise above them. I built a bridge in the middle.³ Without their achievements of having laid the bridge for the blessing through the Day of Victory of Love, none of you would have the qualification to hold a position in God's family, which is tens of thousands of times more holy than any other! You are but a group of people that would have been growling, snarling and weeping bitterly in the bottom of hell. Do you think you are great just because you have been liberated? You do not even have any children.⁴

God has no children. Neither do the ancestors, you...! Do you think you are in the position of ancestors? Decadent lives of this kind must be abolished during this time here! Do you understand? [Yes.] If you welcome this, raise your hands and applaud. [Applause.] You should awake up and march ahead from this day! Today should be different from yesterday! [Applause.] Stop! [Applause continues]

We are the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. We are heaven's representatives, the representatives of the parents on the earth, the king of kings, and the ancestors of all ancestors. You have been attending them until now, but being ignorant of the fact that True Parents have been fasting and living in hunger, you have eaten your fill, have not gone out witnessing, and have lived merrily with your children and with

your wives. How will I forgive this sin?

As of today, you should awaken and quickly be registered! If you are tardy in this registration, thousands of generations will fall away in proportion to how late you are, even if you have been in the Unification Church for a long time. Have you liberated 210 generations of your ancestors? [Yes.]...

Some may come and say "Ahem. I have come to speak in private with the Rev. Moon of the Unification Church. Why does he not meet me?" [Father indicates his irritation over this attitude] From now only those who were invited can come here. A year in advance, a name list of those who can participate from around the world should be prepared. You should know that those groups of beggars who eat and play around, who defraud others, who cheat on their spouse, who drink and who manipulate people do not even amount to a shadow. Do you understand? [Yes.]

In the United States, people in her fifty states claim that they will go to the kingdom of heaven if they believe in Jesus, but that is all falsehood. Where will you find the millennium kingdom?⁵ Look to the Divine Principle. The Divine Principle. Do you understand? [Yes.]

The things I am saying and teaching you are a declaration about heaven and earth made from the position of the owner of a new world that shall come about. It is a proclamation and declaration; thus you should know that it must be upheld. Do you understand? [Yes.]...

From now, nations must first pay taxes to Heaven; they should devote funds to their nations after that. These taxes should be used in helping the needy. Do you understand what I am saying? [Yes.] The heavenly nation is not a nation where you or that nation sustains itself by receiving taxes! They are to save people in the world that are dying of starvation. Those that make war for their own benefit, those who kill others and exploit weaker nations are the devil's grotesque followers. They are the devil's kinsmen. You should be clear on this point.

Why do you live your life opposite from the Principle way when you know the teachings? Do you think you can get away with it just because I haven't done anything about it? No. You must take action now. You should mobilize your ancestors. All the police and global UN forces as well. You should become ancestors⁶ from now. Do you understand? [Yes.] If you do not act in compliance with the law, you will all be taken away. If the people who know this in this fearsome world do not follow [the law], regardless of whether the world itself is aware of it, they will be the first to be taken away. ...

True Parents are now the great owner of heaven and earth. They are the king of kings and the king of parents. Do you understand? What does this mean? What are True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind? This is the era of their being globally established. It can be the era for commencing the cosmic family. ...

We will be doing a rally today.⁷ Two days ago we continued [hoondokhae] for seventeen hours, the entire day...

If there is any indication that you are going around drinking alcohol, I shall pursue you from behind, report to your in-laws and round you up in a single location—that is, if you go to some party and drink alcohol there. You will not be able to go around meeting women and dancing around without the members of the Unification Church knowing. Do you understand? I am telling you that from today you should be careful. These are my instructions. **7W**

2 Indicating that our families have not reached this level yet.

3 The saints are the bridge between us and God.

4 A reference either to spiritual children or to the fact that many children of couples are not in the church.

5 The concept of Christ reigning as king over all the earth for a thousand years.

6 That is, the ancestors even of those in our lineage that came before us

7 Likely a reference to the parade through Seoul held later that day



At the recent Convention to Launch the National Campaign for a Strong Korea, held on 2.15 (March 7), True Father spoke for an hour after Tongil Foundation chairman Kook-jin Moon's address on strengthening the nation. Before he read his speech, Father shared his thoughts and vision with the audience. We are pleased to offer a translation of some of his comments and his prepared speech in full, which is based on the original, which was first given on March 17, 2007 at Hawaii King Garden.

Though my family may be in my hometown, I am not in an environment where I can meet them. In short, you could say that I am a great refugee among refugees.

I do not have a nation. I am not a Korean. Military personnel and others who've come here, including those in high positions, may look at me with eyes wide open and think I look like a Korean, speak like a Korean and think like a Korean. Yet my thoughts are deeper than the time-honored ways of Korean history. Based on that, my speech today is entitled "A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World"...

In recent years, I began talking about Cheon Il Guk, God's new nation, and I have also been speaking about the God of Night and the God of Day, all of which no one else could understand. Everyone thought it was just a dream, but they will see that after ten, twenty or thirty years, all those terms will take root as traditions in history and become powerful. The Unification Church, which was buried on earth before, will reach the highest place, next to the sun. If something knows how to go up but not how to come down, it will perish in the end.

I see that many older people are here. We met with sincere hearts when you introduced yourselves. I am now ninety-four years old. My teachings come from seventy years ago and not now. Beginning seventy years ago, or rather, from the age of seventeen, I sat above everything and began my work with the determination that I would fight and either live or die and that I would see if I could win against one or ten.

I am giving a speech here as the True Parent, but even now I am not actually thinking about being the True Parent. You called me the worst possible things in the world, calling me "Jesus Moon," the ringleader of a shadowy cult. And you thought that I would die or disappear. Yet here I am....

It is not about strong Korea. Rather, it should be a strong homeland! Whose homeland is it? It is the homeland of Korea, God's strong homeland! [Applause] When the Korean people talk about God's homeland, they talk about regaining God's homeland. Why regaining? Why didn't it stay liberated from the outset? It is sad to talk about having to regain something. I have held on to that word all my life. What does having to regain something signify? It means everything is in darkness and on the wrong path.

The Republic of Korea may come and go, and all its presidents may come and go, but everything that I said came true in the end. From decades ago, I was persecuted as I went around saying these things, and when I read what I said forty or fifty years ago, now at the age of ninety-four, I kneel down before those words and wonder to myself where they came from. I don't

believe that they came from me. That is why I may seem like someone from a dream, or a peculiar person.

To get back to "A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World"... Who knows about this? Who does? Nowadays, Kook-jin and my other sons say that their father is the Returning Lord. Those rascals! I tell them not to say such things.

One thing I hope you will remember is that I first announced the regaining of the homeland more than seventy years ago.... So, what is the topic of today's meeting? Strong what? Korea. Let's make a strong Korea. Actually, it is not "strong Korea;" it should be God's strong homeland. Otherwise, we will perish thousands of times over. The well-known people here with names on their chairs may say our sons and daughters will live on and influence the history of another thousand years. But no. As I stand here today, how can I possibly know what will happen fifty years from now? Or a hundred years?

You are all adults, so I believe you will pity this man who does not have anything, who has neither a nation nor a father or mother, for he was separated from them fifty-eight years ago. At the time of our separation, we were devout believers in Christianity. I was a devout Christian, as were my parents. My great uncle was a famous independence activist. Recently documents testifying to this fact have come to light, and what I had said about him, which had previously been thought of as fabrications, was proven to be the truth.

This is the second month of the third year of Cheon-gi by the heavenly calendar. What you are hearing today cannot be found even in encyclopedias. The people of this nation do not know about this; it will be the backbone and the mirror of the world of a new culture, and I worry about where they will end up. That is why I formed an organization in 2007 and made a declaration to open the gates of the world, which I could not have done before then. That declaration is right here before us, and I have instructed that it should not be changed by anyone and that nothing should be added to or subtracted from it.

A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World. We need the United States as well as Korea, China and all the nations. This is True Parents' message. Do you call me the True Parent? Who went and gave me that name?



Yong-gul Lee, vice-minister in the Ministry of National Defense (left) and Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs Sung-choon Park (right) both attended and spoke at the Convention to Launch the National Campaign for a Strong Korea in Seoul on March 7.

It is not just the era in which the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind safely appear, but the era of their firm establishment. After that, as we passed the year 2000, I created textbooks and teaching materials with which to build Cheon Il Guk. I have been using them for more than ten years now. There were no textbooks before then. How much these texts are standing in the forefront! They record what I said before it actually came true. If you do not have these books, you will not know Korea's future prospects or where the country is headed.

Father's Prepared Text

Respected Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am delighted to meet you all today. I would like to welcome you, on behalf of my family.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I am well aware that this rally today is a launch ceremony paving the way for the Strong Korea movement to actively carry out its campaign throughout Korea. Therefore, on this occasion I will explain something of the profound providential plan God has had for the Korean peninsula throughout history. I will also speak about some



The 63 Building Convention Center hosted a crowd of 2,300 for the launch of the National Campaign for a Strong Korea.



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aspects of God's providence dealing with the Pacific Rim Era that I have announced.

Distinguished guests, at the beginning of the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk, I declared the beginning of a jubilee period in God's providence. God has greatly blessed us from that year. It is a time of jubilee the likes of which God and humankind have never experienced in thousands of years of history.

God's heart has been in pain throughout history because humanity has been confined under Satan's dominion. Humanity had endured oppression under the sovereignty of evil throughout the "era before the coming of heaven." That time has finally come to an end! 2007 was the zenith at which time it became possible for the gates to open wide to the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven, ushering in the time of a new sovereignty of goodness in which humanity could serve and attend God as the central being.

Without your being aware of it, Heaven's providence has been expanding in extraordinary ways. Now ambassadors for peace in 185 nations, numbering in the tens of thousands, have received my teachings and are working day and night in response to a special decree from God. Hence, today I would like to convey to you Heaven's message, which is entitled, "A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World." It is a declaration of God's plan for His dispensation and the direction humankind should take.

Ladies and Gentlemen: If you carefully examine the progress of history, you will undoubtedly discover God's plan and sense His presence as He tirelessly worked behind the scenes. Consider the history of civilization, which began centering on four of the world's great rivers. We are familiar with the Egyptian civilization that flourished along the Nile River, the Mesopotamian civilization between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, the Harappan civilization on the Indus River, and early Chinese civilization around the Yellow River. The center of civilization shifted over time to the shores of the Mediterranean Sea where the Mediterranean peninsular civilizations flourished in Greece and Rome. History continued to progress and the European continental civilization emerged. This continental civiliza-

tion in turn gave birth to an island civilization, Great Britain, which flourished in the Atlantic sphere. The British Empire, which dominated the seven seas and wielded its might as "the empire on which the sun never sets," passed its splendid culture on to North America. We know these facts from history.

Civilization on the North American continent raised the banner of democracy, which was rooted in Christianity. It bequeathed to the world the principles of freedom of religion and respect for equal human rights as it led the struggle against fascism and communism, which had established atheistic, evil sovereignties. Through the victories of the First and Second World Wars, and the third—the cold war—it won victory over totalitarianism and communism.

However, that victory does not simply mean that America is great; the development of human civilization did not stop there. Victory came because God had chosen and raised the United States of America as the Second Israel, in accordance with His providential plan, and had raised and trained the American people through Christianity. God worked through America to bring His providence to its present stage of fruition.

Ladies and Gentlemen: The present time marks an important milestone in the development of civilization. Civilization has completed a circuit of the entire globe and has now arrived on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. History's course has come to the point under God's providence where it must be completed and concluded in the Pacific Rim region.

No force can stop God's providence now. Though there were both victories and defeats during the course of indemnity under the evil sovereignty in the era before heaven, now nothing can prevent the rise of the Pacific Rim Era. Herein lies the special reason that Heaven declared 2007 to be the beginning of the jubilee period.

Ladies and Gentlemen: The arrival of the Pacific Rim Era signifies many things. What do you think the world would have been like if Jesus had fulfilled the complete messianic mission during his lifetime on earth? Jesus came as the Savior and Messiah, to save all humankind. He did not come just to save the people of Israel, a small nation located on a corner of the Mediterranean Sea. At that time, Rome, based at the center

of the Mediterranean, was the center of human civilization. Rome was ready to rule the seas. Heaven earnestly wished for Jesus to first teach and transform Rome and then rule over her empire. Heaven was eager for a civilization that could bring salvation to all humanity by employing Rome's strength. Yet, Jesus was cruelly put to death on the cross, as we know all too well through the biblical record.

After thousands of years of preparation, God finally was able to send Jesus to earth as His only son. There is no way to fathom God's heart as He anxiously watched Jesus' each and every action. Jesus' death was a tragedy that broke God's heart. It brought Him anguish even more extreme than the time when Adam and Eve, whom He created as the first ancestors of humankind, were lost from the Garden of Eden due to the Fall.

During the two thousand years since the crucifixion, God, in the background of history, has walked a suffering path that is beyond human imagination. Through this course, He prepared the United States of America to serve as the nation of the Second Israel. As a Christian nation that includes Catholicism and Protestantism, as well as the Orthodox world, the United States' mission is to bring harmony and unity to Christianity as soon as possible—and moreover, in the twenty-first century, to fulfill the responsibility that had been the Roman Empire's, but which was not realized in Jesus' time. On America's shoulders rests the responsibility, within God's providence, to bring harmony and oneness among the world's seven billion people and to expedite the creation of a peaceful, ideal world. These are not simply the words of Rev. Moon. This is Heaven's decree to America.

Then how can we unify Christianity? God has already revealed the solution through me, Rev. Moon, the True Parent of humankind. Through me, God has given Christians the supreme command to practice lives of true love, to understand completely the reality of the spirit world to which we go after we die, and to establish model, ideal families—true families.

What kind of love is true love? And what kind of family is a true family? The essence of God's absolute true love is not to have others serve you. Rather, it is to be the first to give, to serve and to care for others and to seek the greater good. True love gives, forgets that it has given, and continues to give without ceasing. True love gives joyfully. We find it in the joyful

and loving heart of a mother who cradles her child in her arms and nurses her child at her breast. True love is sacrificial love, such as that of a devoted son who finds his greatest satisfaction through dedicating himself with all of his body and soul to helping his parents.

When we are bound together in true love, we will only ever be happy to be in each other's company. The attraction of true love brings not only the universe, but even God Himself, to follow us when we call on them. The value of true love is that it has the power to permanently dissolve the barriers that people, descended from the Fall, have created—including national, racial and even religious barriers.

The main attributes of God's true love are that it is absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. Therefore, whoever practices true love will share God's pleasures and pains, enjoy the right to participate as an equal in His work, and enjoy the same right of inheritance. Therefore, a life of service, in other words a life of true love, is an absolute requirement for entering the kingdom of heaven. A life of true love is the way to create all things; it is the mode of life of new families that live peacefully centering on God and form peaceful ideal model families.

The path is now wide open for anyone to establish a true family. The family is the model by which people are to live in service to one another. The warm environment of oneness based on love and respect between parents and children, mutual fidelity and love between husband and wife, and trust and mutual reliance among siblings is the manifestation of the model ideal family. This means that you need to establish a true family wherein the stem of true love emerges from the root of true love and bears the fruit of true love.

The responsibility of tribal messiahs, the mission of ambassadors for peace, and God's desire is to seek and set up families of Cheon Il Guk, comprised of three generations—grandparents, parents, and children—that together serve the ever-present God as a united family.

You should form families that God will miss and yearn to return to after He has been away. You should raise families to which He can come freely as a parent visiting His children. This is what it means to live in service to God. In such a family, God is the vertical subject partner of everyone's conscience. Following God as its vertical subject partner, the mind of each family member stands in the position of that person's very



On (2.27) March 19, Kook-jin nim was one of several speakers at a Washington Times Foundation sponsored conference, "Asia Security Initiative: Peace through Strength and Cooperation," in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, attended by about seventy United States, Korean and Japanese congressmen. The Tongil Foundation chairman gave his "Strong Korea?" presentation.



A meeting for the regional presidents of our worldwide church was held in Seoul on 3.3 (March 24). Representing True Parents, Hyung-jin nim prayed over and bequeathed Holy Candles to Establish the Heavenly Kingdom to each regional president. He and Kook-jin nim then spoke on the Strong Abel initiative, mentioning that this will become part of the worldwide providence [See page 2 for more on this]. Four international IWs were each given a letter of appointment to their new missions to assist the regional presidents and head up education in the Asian, European, African and South American regions. A discussion followed based on questions the presidents had about how to make progress in their respective regions. The meeting ended with Korean Family and Education Department vice-director Mrs. Mi-sook Chang inviting the regional presidents to send those involved in training Sunday school teachers to Korea for an educators workshop in April.



own vertical subject partner. Each person must bring the mind and body into unity by following the mind.

It is in such a family that the four major types of love—parental love, conjugal love, children's love and siblings' love—which also form the four great realms of heart, are perfected. It is only in such a family that the relationships based on upper and lower, right and left, and front and rear can be linked together and the resultant spherical motion continue. This is how God's everlasting model ideal families, ideal nations and peaceful ideal kingdom can be formed. If the entire world were filled only with such families of true character, it would be a world of natural order in which the heavenly way and heavenly law would reign supreme. There would be no need for lawyers, prosecutors or judges.

Dear Peace-loving Leaders: Among the seven billion people on the earth today, almost five billion are our neighbors and relatives. They are our brothers and sisters of the Pacific Rim region. In other words, they are our relatives within the heritage of the Mongolian birthmark. Is there anything we cannot accomplish if we join together as one blood through receiving the blessing of marriage centering on God's peace ideal? The future of humanity is now in the hands of the nations of the Pacific Rim.

Ladies and Gentlemen: God's providence has now spread from the North American continent and blossomed in the island civilization of Japan, which is in the same position that Britain once held. It is now about to fulfill its destiny by reaching fruition on the Korean peninsula, the homeland of the True Parents, who have appeared as the Savior of humanity and the returning Messiah.

The Korean peninsula stands in the same position as Rome did in Jesus' time, in that it is considered a conflict zone transcending the spheres of religion and politics that must resolve all the world's problems. From a geopolitical point of view, the Korean peninsula persists as an arena of the most intense confrontation, despite the ongoing efforts on the part of all to secure peace.

The principles of restoration through indemnity make it inevitable that civilization will bear fruit in the Pacific Rim region, centered on the Korean peninsula. Fortunately, during the Korean War, the UN Forces, led by the United States, were, thankfully, mobilized to the peninsula. Yet, they did not recover the homeland and hometown of God's desire as they should have, according to God's will, and they left the job half done. As a result, global conflict and strife emerged, soon to be called the cold war. As a result of this, the Korean people lost their property and were displaced, leading them to search for God.

In order to restore this through indemnity, I established the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) seven years ago. I then organized the Peace Kingdom Corps and Peace Kingdom Police Force, comprising heavenly women who have received the marriage blessing, who love peace, and who are willing to serve and sacrifice for the work of the Universal Peace Federation. I have taken the lead in educating those involved with these organizations. These peace organizations stand in the forefront for actualizing a world of peace centering on God. They will create the peaceful, ideal world that God desires.

You may not be aware of this, but I have been assisting behind the scenes of the Six Party Talks that were being held for the sake of resolving the nuclear issue on the Korean peninsula, and working to reconcile democratic nations with

communist nations. I am presenting a solution based on the principles of peace and harmony rooted in the new ideology of the Heavenly Father.

At such pressing times, what exactly should the role of America and the United Nations be? Hawaii in the Pacific, located at the center of the Pacific Rim, bridge East and West, and link North and South. With the support and protection of the American continent, the Korean peninsula should become the homeland that protects and defends the Pacific Rim region by bringing together all the island nations of the Pacific. I say this because the future of humankind lies in the preservation of the Pacific Rim region centering on Korea, Japan and the United States.

As I was well aware of Heaven's plans for this region, I invested thirty-three of the prime years of my life in the United States, beginning in the early 1970s, for the sake of world peace. On that victorious foundation, I returned to Korea, where I am working to complete the providence of establishing God's homeland and hometown.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I ask that you analyze the current state of affairs in the world closely. Although the days of communism are gone, even now powerful nations are constantly on the lookout for opportunities to pursue their own interests aggressively at the expense of the powerless and small island nations. No small island nation by itself can deal with these powerful nations and their economic, political or even military ambitions. They are so powerful that if they wanted to, they could dominate any smaller nation in a single day, without shedding blood.

Only when peace and security are settled in the Pacific Rim can peace for all humankind be guaranteed. As I have mentioned, the small island nations by themselves cannot contend with the great tsunami of powerful nations moving into the region. The time has come, therefore, for all these small island nations in the Pacific Rim sphere to unite and build the homeland of the new, godly civilization.

The small island nations dispersed in both the northern and southern regions of the Pacific, on either side of the equator, as well as Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Indonesia, the Solomon Islands, Australia, New Zealand and other countries, should become like one country, forming a union to sustain peace to the Pacific Rim civilization. This will secure peace and stability for all people.

What I am saying to you is that you have the responsibility to protect and save the oceanic realm, which is a lifeline upon which humanity's future depends, from the environmental destruction and conflicts that are worsening by the day, and to shield its natural resources for the sake of peace in the future.

Ladies and Gentlemen: For the purpose of resolving these problems afflicting humankind, on September 12, 2005, I proclaimed throughout all of heaven and earth the establishment of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF), which will enable God's providence to flourish. Now, it is possible for UPF to serve as an Abel-type counterpart to the UN in the era after the coming of heaven. It will renew the Cain-type United Nations and lead the way for millions of ambassadors for peace throughout the world who have taken up the ideology of the Heavenly Father, that is, my teachings—which consist of the principles of true love and the ideal of a true family—to without fail, fulfill the heavenly will of creating one family under God.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Through the cross-cultural marriage blessings that transcend religious denomination and nationality, the Universal Peace Federation will be the vanguard that carries out the great revolution of restoring the original lineage

of humanity, hearkening back to Adam before the Fall. Some may laugh and say that this is impossible. Yet, where there is a will there is a way, especially if it is the God's will. The international and cross-cultural marriage blessings are conducted according to the teachings of Rev. Moon, who does God's work on His behalf. Please think about this: What do you think will happen if people from the United States and countries such as Russia marry across the boundaries of their nationalities through these marriage blessing ceremonies? The two nations will belong to one family under God, the eternal, absolute Lord of all creation. How could anyone aim weapons at, much less launch nuclear weapons at, a nation that many millions of grandchildren from their own lineage make their home?

The holy task of building the ideal kingdom of heaven—the sacred reign of peace on earth—by recovering our ideal homeland and hometown, is being carried out enthusiastically in all corners of the world. This is God's hope for engrafting the seven billion people of the world to the lineage of the true tribe.

Beloved Leaders, Ladies and Gentlemen: Please do not miss your chance to ride on the surging currents of heavenly fortune during this important and sacred jubilee. Take the lead in protecting and developing the realm of the oceans, which cover seventy-five percent of the earth. Where else will you find undiscovered treasure-stores of natural resources that hold the promise of reviving the earth, which is endangered by all kinds of pollution and resource depletion?

You have truly come to a significant event today. You should now join together under the Strong Korea banner. The scope of this campaign shall soon go beyond the Republic of Korea to rest of Asia, and become the beacon that shines beyond Asia to the world. The Universal Peace Federation's ideology shall be a cry for a strong Korea because at the root of Strong Korea is God's philosophy of peace based on true love. Is there an ideology or philosophy that can surpass this philosophy of peace and the ideal of God's true love? Heaven shall surely be triumphant!

On this meaningful occasion, please engrave this message on your hearts. The families of your good ancestors in heaven are already blessed. Numbering in the billions, they have come to earth today, and they are listening to this message with you. This is because it is only through you, their descendants, that they can perfect themselves and advance to the positions of true parents, true teachers and true lords and owners. You should not forget the fact that the spiritual and physical worlds live and breathe together in this way and walk hand-in-hand.

Your families should now find their place in history by fulfilling their missions as members of the Peace Kingdom Corps and Peace Kingdom Police Force of the Abel UN, which is advancing God's providence in the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven. History will forever remember you for leading a noble life of devotion for the well-being of humanity and world peace. I am now developing globally the Peace Kingdom Corps and the Peace Kingdom Police Force, which I founded. I hope to see the heroic sight of you holding the UPF flag [Universal Peace Federation—the Abel UN] standing in the vanguard of the Peace Kingdom Corps and Peace Kingdom Police Force and shouting for a strong Korea.

I pray that you will engrave today's message in your hearts and use this message as material for educating your children, the youth in your country and the people of your nation. May God's blessings and grace be upon you, your families, the Pacific Rim and the Peace UN, and upon the launch of "Strong Korea."

Thank you. **TW**

True Mother Graces Japan

Some Remarkable Occurrences

True Mother has been speaking at a series of events to mark the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the Women's Federation for World Peace. These have included two separate conventions in Korea three weeks apart and a major event in Tokyo that drew many leaders from Japanese society. Mother remained in Japan for a week, from March 5 to 12, speaking each day to large audiences of our members in major cities. What follows is based on descriptions provided by a member of her entourage.

T rue Parents presided over the twentieth anniversary celebration of the founding of the Women's Federation for World Peace on March 4¹ in the city of Daejeon, South Korea. (See page 15)

The following day, True Mother left for Japan to celebrate WFWP's anniversary in Tokyo with societal leaders and then to speak to members on a six-city tour. She left Cheon Jeong Peace Palace after hoondokhae. Accompanying her were Kook-jin nim, his wife Ji-ye nim; Yeon-ah nim (Choi), the vice-president of WFWP International; Hoon-mo nim, Dr. Lan-young Moon, the president of WFWP International; and others. Sun-jin nim and In-sup nim joined them in Japan. Father remained behind, setting conditions for the success of True Mother's tour.

Soon after her arrival, Mother met with key leaders over a meal and then traveled to the hotel in central Tokyo where the WFWP event was held. It began at 11:30 AM with a video highlighting WFWP's work in Japan and overseas, such as service projects, sisterhood ceremonies and conferences promoting Middle East peace. WFWP has 110 projects ongoing in more than fifty nations.

Following the video, the widow of the first president of our Japanese church, Mrs. Tetsuko Kuboki, who is the president of WFWP Japan, took the stage. She described their organization as being guided by Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon under God's direct supervision. As a key aspect of the Japanese contribution, she spoke of the more than sixteen hundred Japanese women that had gone out to the world to serve with courage as volunteers in 1994. She added that after twenty years as an organization, they were beginning to see daughters join their mothers in WFWP activities. After this introduction, a woman university president offered her congratulations, as did a member of the House of Councilors.²

The thousand people on hand had lunch together, during which Mr. Benson Ogutu, the Kenyan ambassador to Japan and one of nineteen ambassadors at the event, toasted WFWP's continued success. At about 1:45, amid thunderous applause, True Mother, looking wonderful in red, took the stage and delivered her anniversary speech, "The Role of Women in the Era after the Coming of Heaven and the Mission of WFWP." Her

1 WFWP was founded on April 10, 1992. The celebrations were moved up because South Korean general elections will be held on April 10. On March 26, Mother spoke at an international WFWP 20th anniversary convention in Korea with Women's Federation delegates from thirty countries.

2 The upper house of Japan's parliament, which is known as the Diet. Thirteen Diet members and nine ex-members of the Diet were there.



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message lasted a little more than thirty minutes.

Afterward, a welcoming banquet was held for True Mother at a different location for about three hundred Japanese leaders. When Rev. Yeong-seob Song, chairman of the National Federation of Blessed Families, spoke about how much True Father desires to come to Japan, tears welled in the eyes of many who were there. When the moderator was about to proceed, True Mother suddenly took the microphone and said, "I am not here alone. True Father is here, too." She asked someone to bring her handbag, from which she withdrew a black leather wallet. She explained that it was Father's and that he had given it to her that morning before she left Korea. He told her that in this way he was going with her. True Mother divided the cash in True Father's wallet into three equal amounts and explained that it would be donated to the national headquarters, to Japan's central region and to the last destination of her visit, thus conveying True Father's deep love to Japan.

True Mother then took out a ₩50,000 bill and spoke about the woman pictured on it. She told the audience that Saimdang Shin³ was renowned as a good mother. "As the mother nation," she said, "please develop to be more respected as a mother than she was, so that you can experience 100 percent or even 120 percent of True Father's love." After listening to True Mother, various groups, choirs and individuals sang. Everyone ended together singing the Korean song, "Saranghae." They

3 (1504–1551) She was also an amateur artist and poet. Still revered, she was recently called "my ideal woman" by a teenaged male pop star.

shouted, "Father, we love you," to express their yearning for True Parents.

Second day: UPF Rally, Tokyo metropolitan area

Three hundred and fifty members attended hoondokhae with True Mother, who encouraged members to be united with True Father and to help people become children to True Parents while True Parents are still alive. She told them to live with determination and to witness to someone every day. She warned them that not much time remains before D-day.

The Hope of Peace and Security in Japan, the World UPF Rally, began at eleven o'clock in the midst of around five thousand members from the greater Tokyo area. Five thousand others watched it through video broadcast. It began with prayers by leaders in Shintoism, Christianity and Buddhism for the victims of the March 11 earthquake in northeastern Japan. After these leaders prayed, a prayer of True Father's from March 7, 1976 was read.

Chairman Gentaro Kajikuri, the ailing leader of the church in Japan,⁴ mentioned in his welcoming address that Korea, Japan and Abel-type countries including America have recently weakened. He called the complacent unconcern over the threat of attack from Cain-type countries the same mind-set within Abel that made murder possible in humankind's first family.

Kook-jin nim then took the stage to emphasize that we should build a strong Japan and Korea. Participating members greeted his presentation with many fervent cheers. Beginning last year, local national security rallies based on his "Strong Korea and Japan" material have been held in about a hundred locations throughout Japan.

Following the Tongil Group chairman's presentation, True Mother made her entrance and spoke to the audience for more than three quarters of an hour. In addition to her prepared message, she told them that as an Eve country Japan should have followed Heaven's will and fulfilled her mission, but Japan has prevented True Father from entering the country and has tried to suppress our activities.

Following Mother's speech, Chairman Song came onstage and expressed deep gratitude to True Father who was watching the rally live through the internet. He thanked True Mother for speaking and ended the event with four cheers of mansei. True Mother then flew to her next destination.

Third day: Hiroshima

Among testimonies read at hoondokhae about the Tokyo event was one from a woman who wrote, "The moment I saw True Mother in the rally, my heart trembled and tears came out. Wanting to see True Mother's face closely, I look at her the whole time through binoculars." True Mother burst into laughter when she heard this.

Mr. Gyeong-tak Nam, who is in charge of church members in the area devastated by the earthquake and tsunami, told Mother, "Even in that hellish environment, when I saw that our members did not give in to reality, I felt that True Parents have raised us to be strong."

In speaking of Father being with them, Mother added that even Father's ID card was still in his wallet. Regarding Saimdang Shin, she said that she was a devoted daughter who raised a great son, Yul-gok Lee, a famous Confucian scholar.⁵ Mother told the members that like Mrs. Shin, they can give birth to great people through witnessing. Witnessing she said, "is our hope and happiness."

Mother spoke that day in Hiroshima to an audience of more

4 He was diagnosed with cancer several years ago.

5 (1536–1584) As it happens, Yul-gok Lee appears on the ₩5,000 bill.



than 3,000 people. During the speech, a video clip was shown of imperial penguins. The female lays the eggs in extreme Antarctic temperatures. The male keeps the eggs warm for two months without eating or resting. At least one observer said that the penguins' sacrifice helped him sense True Parents' love toward humankind.

Fourth day: Kumamoto and Fukuoka on Kyushu Island

Hoondokhae took place in Fukuoka, and Mother gave her speech to members in Kumamoto, an hour and a half away by car. Both are on the island of Kyushu, which is at the southwest end of the Japanese archipelago. Notable from the morning hoondokhae—which followed the observance of Ahn Shi Il and attracted six hundred members—were testimonies about spiritual experiences from the Hiroshima tour stop. A member testified to seeing Father sitting next to Mother onstage. When the member saw him, she cried. She closed her eyes, opened them and Father was still there. Another woman, who has been doing hoondokhae every day since she was blessed several years ago, testified that her husband and children have been unwilling to go to church. Her husband attended Mother's speech and later said that he saw an aura around True Mother.

From this experience, he said that he believes that they are in fact the True Parents of mankind and he understands why his wife has been trying so hard.

True Mother gave one-third of the cash in Father's wallet to churches in the southern area of Japan at this hoondokhae. About Saim-dang Shin, she added that while traveling from Seoul toward his home, Mrs. Shin's husband had been tempted by a woman in an inn. This woman had received a revelation that having sex with him would produce a prominent son. By maintaining his purity, he did indeed have a prominent son, but through his wife, Saim-dang Shin. "Men also need to guard their purity.... How important do you think women like Saim-dang Shin are?" True Mother asked. "The story shows us how important the role of a mother is; in other words, blessed families are precious."

The audience in Kumamoto numbered 3,700 members, including some in wheelchairs, who longed to see True Parents. After her speech had concluded, two people were in an anteroom waiting for True Mother. These were not members. They had never heard Divine Principle. In response to a revelation to fold cranes for world peace and the salvation of mankind, they had each made a thousand origami cranes. When



Father, on Geomun Island, watches True Mother giving her speech in Kumamoto on March 8 with members of the True Family, church leaders, staff members and local church members

they had nearly completed the task, another revelation came telling them to present the cranes to True Parents. When Mother heard this testimony, she told them, "You have been guided by Heavenly Father to meet me. From now on, you should take responsibility for the revelation you received and strive to complete it. In order to do so, you should study the Divine Principle. The Blessing Ceremony is very important in our church. After studying the Principle, you should receive the blessing."

Fifth day: Kansai area⁶

At hoondokhae, Mr. Kimura, one of the crane makers, testified. He is from Seichi-no-ie, a new age religion founded by Rev. Masaharu Taniguchi (1893–1985). Mr. Kimura concluded his detailed testimony by saying that after hearing Mother emphasize the Blessing Ceremony and Divine Principle, he felt profound gratitude.

Japanese members have distributed 2.8 million copies of Father's autobiography. A woman who has personally distributed 7,000 copies told True Mother that she wants to glorify True Parents until the last moment of her life.

That day's speech to members occurred in Kyoto and drew 3,200 members. Around 1,000 members watched the event in three overflow rooms on monitors. When True Mother heard this, she went to each room before going to the main hall and encouraged the members there.

After the Kyoto event, True Mother and her entourage drove to Nagoya. On the way, at an expressway rest stop, True Mother bought *udon* noodles for everyone. The members had a wonderful time, sharing their affection for one another during the meal.

Sixth day: Nagoya

At hoondokhae on this morning, it was reported that the members in Kyoto had collectively done 400,000 full bows as preparation for True Mother's visit there. Relating the story of Father's wallet, Mother added that as they left Cheon Jeong Gung Father had said, "Hurry; and bring back my wallet." She said that Father needs his wallet but wanted to convey his love to Japanese members. When speaking about Saim-dang Shin, Mother compared the great King Sejong being on only the ₩10,000 bill to Mrs. Shin, whose face adorns a bill worth five times as much. Laughing, she said, "Though we call Korea the Adam nation, I don't think they can count us mothers out!"

A great deal of singing went on that morning. Many groups sang and danced. After a powerful song by a youth group, Mother said, "With that much vigor Nagoya should be restored by tomorrow." She then told the Korean men working as church leaders in Japan to sing "Men of the Wilderness" and not to be outdone by the youth group. True Mother sang "Nogojiri" say-

⁶ A group of six prefectures on Honshu, Japan's main island, including the cities of Kyoto, Osaka, Nara and Kobe



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From True Mother's speech at an event marking the twentieth anniversary of the founding of WFWP (Daejeon, Korea, March 4)

I believe that, based on the public laws and principles of the universe, our WFWP members should engage themselves in the task of forming sound families in accordance with the heavenly way and properly establishing their societies and nations with a special sense of mission.

However, I would like to emphasize once again that the movement we should prioritize before anything else is the true family movement of true love, of living for the sake of others, carried out in conjunction with education in proper values.

Women should also become the standard-bearers of the peace movement. Even in the essential businesses of this Federation, various activities for the unification of South and North Korea are stated clearly. Women should play a leading role in bringing about the unification of South and North Korea and world peace through the education of ideology and the practice of true love.

War and conflict arise from selfish motives of desiring to take others' land, possessions, or the like by force. On the other hand, peace arises from investing oneself for others, that is, giving true love.

In the final stage, the "era of heavenly affairs," in which we should follow the path of living for the sake of others, the cold war has ended and new hopes for peace and social justice are spreading out across the entire globe at an amazing rate.

Those leaders who turn their faces away from the new realities of the world or who fail to see them will be swept away by the changes coming upon us like a tsunami. I believe the time has now come for us to step forward boldly and receive new opportunities and values.

Beloved WFWP members! And my fellow women leaders!

Women are not there to help or to be protected by men; rather, they are independent individuals who, as the representative of the other side of God's nature, are meant to make men more complete and manly.

Centered on the ideal of true love, women are the precious objects of men's love. In terms of value, men and women are absolutely equal.

Thus, men and women, who are united as one through original true love under God's ideal of true love, have been created to become completely equal beings in terms of value, centered on true love, by sharing not only the same rank and the right of participation but even their possessions with one another.

Therefore, men and women do not need to confront or contend with each other, for they don't need to imitate the characteristics, dispositions or roles of the other or to covet them and take them by force. Instead, by giving what they have to the other with true love and completing the other, they can become united as a bigger whole and share one another.

In the twenty-first century, women should play a major role in world history by serving as one of the wheels of the tractor pulling forward the construction of a peaceful world together with the men. Going beyond the century of power and technology, women will be the central axis in building the century of love and the peace culture, and their role will be more important than ever before. **TW**



ing, "Father loves this song. It's about farmers starting off their morning full of hope, working all day to create a new heaven and new earth, and then going back home in good spirits." To conclude the hoondokhae at seven o'clock, Mother led everyone in singing "I Love You."

At ten o'clock Mother's speech to 4,300 members in Nagoya began. After a video on True Parents' lives and initial greetings, Chairman Gentaro Kajikuri shouted, "In the Unification Church we serve a true God. Through a movement of peace, let's build a church that leads all of humanity into heaven!"

To loud cheers and applause, True Mother took the stage. As she testified about God and about True Father's life, she became overwhelmed with emotion from time to time and had to wipe tears away with her handkerchief. With each pause, the watching crowd experienced a part of God and True Parents' deep heart. Many were drawn to tears. True Mother said, "I'm crying because being in Nagoya, I feel as if I've returned to my hometown." Slowly, as though to savor the significance of the moment, with her handkerchief in hand, she carried on with her speech.

After speaking, True Mother presented colored photographs of True Parents at their Holy Wedding to some members and a souvenir with this year's motto imprinted on it to Chairman Kajikuri and one other leader.

Seventh day: Sapporo on Hokkaido Island

This was a year to the day since the catastrophic earthquake and tsunami laid waste to parts of northern Japan. At hoondokhae, True Mother comforted the 750 members from districts in Hokkaido directly affected by these natural calamities. She emphasized Japan's providential role as the

Eve nation. She also told the audience that True Father has been participating in the tour by internet broadcast and was now on Korea's Geomun Island setting conditions in support of True Mother's tour. A district leader reported to True Mother that all the members had set conditions for her visit and highlighted a few exceptional cases. Three members fasted for seven days and distributed 430 copies of Father's autobiography as their preparation. An eighty-three-year-old Korean-Japanese that had suffered from discrimination growing up in Japan read Father's autobiography three times as preparation for True Mother's visit. After watching a documentary on True Parents' lives and listening to True Mother speak, he said that he felt their suffering and shed tears for what they have gone through.

Around 3,200 members came to Mother's speech in the city of Sapporo. On this, the final stop on her tour, True Mother spoke as if she wished to convey the importance of our mission with every word. She said, "One year remains, a predestined time in which we should give everything with the heart of the living as if death were drawing near." Members cried throughout her speech and applauded frequently. True Mother also said, "We are happy people because we are in a position where we can realize God's dream."

Other incidents on Hokkaido

In September 1991, True Mother traveled to Japan on what was described as the beginning of her global public mission with a speaking tour of Japan at the invitation of the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia, the precursor to WFWP. During that visit, she spoke in nine cities and created a holy ground in Showa Shinzan on the island of Hokkaido. "Shinzan" means "new mountain." Showa is the name given to the era (1926–1989) of the emperor who reigned during the time that this new mountain came into existence. Showa Shinzan is near volcanic Mount Usu. It has been said that Mount Usu "gave birth" to Showa Shinzan. Its birth took place in the same year as True Mother's. In 1943, in a flat wheat field, to the accompaniment of seismic activity—the ground shook and steam escaped from the depths of the earth—Showa Shinzan rose and over the course of two years reached a height of 270 meters. Similarly, True Mother is a unique creation, a woman who came from the earth to join the man who comes from Heaven. Thank God for True Parents' emergence, which has given hope to us all. **TW**

This was based on reports, translated from Korean, that were written by the senior director of the World Mission Headquarters, Mr. Sung-il Cho.



Top: A plaque of appreciation is presented to True Mother in Nagoya; **Bottom:** Leaders receive from True Mother color photographs of True Parents at their 1960 Holy Wedding.

The Sun Moon Educational Foundation's New Chairwoman



On 2.23 by the heavenly calendar (March 15) True Mother was installed as the chairwoman of the Sun Moon Educational Foundation, an organization that administers the schools and other educational institutions founded or overseen by True Parents. These include Sun Moon University, the Sun Hwa Arts Middle and High School and Seonjeong High School (which True Mother attended as a child). The position will afford Mother a more direct and personal role in promoting the values of the organization.

Newly installed Sun Moon University president Dr. Sun-jo Hwang explained in his welcoming remarks that True Parents "have established the Sun Moon Educational Foundation to carry out research, education and voluntary work in order to establish the ideal of peace within our present reality."

In her speech of acceptance of the position, True Mother further explained the foundation's philosophy:

We now need to open the way to a new era under the governance of Heaven's providence, the era of heavenly affairs. Accordingly, the Sun Moon Educational Foundation will rightly establish its identity and lead a new reformation in society, which is presently drowning in a swamp of despair, most especially in the field of education.

The Sun Moon Educational Foundation's tradition is clear. It is a family community, in which, in accordance with the teachings of our founder, the teachers, in the position of parents, should guide students with love and affection and

the students, in the position of children, should listen to their teachers with obedience and respect. This means that the nature of the institutions of the Sun Moon Educational Foundation is to be a platform for researching, teaching, learning and experiencing the serving spirit of living for the sake of others and that it is deeply rooted in true love, which demands neither condition nor reward. The Sun Moon Educational Foundation should be the first to create the culture of communication and the harmony of coexistence, that is, the culture of heart, and thus present the field of education in Korea with a new vision.

In congratulating True Mother, University of Bridgeport president Dr. Neil Salonen said:

We have the means to educate everyone in the world but we don't have the values or the will. Many leaders call for economic development, believing that material goods will provide the means. Yet the most developed societies are the ones that are having the most difficulty transmitting their educational values to the young. Wealth without a moral compass leads nowhere.... The essential difference between our Sun Moon Educational Foundation and every other effort in the world is that it represents God's hope to transmit His values and for them to be embodied in the young people so we can establish the kingdom of heaven on earth." **JW**



At the conclusion of the event, Mother greets officers of the Sun Moon Educational Foundation; University of Bridgeport president Dr. Neil Salonen congratulates True Mother; Five vocalists warm the occasion with congratulatory songs.

The 53rd True Parents' Day

and Opening of the Cheongshim Peace World Center

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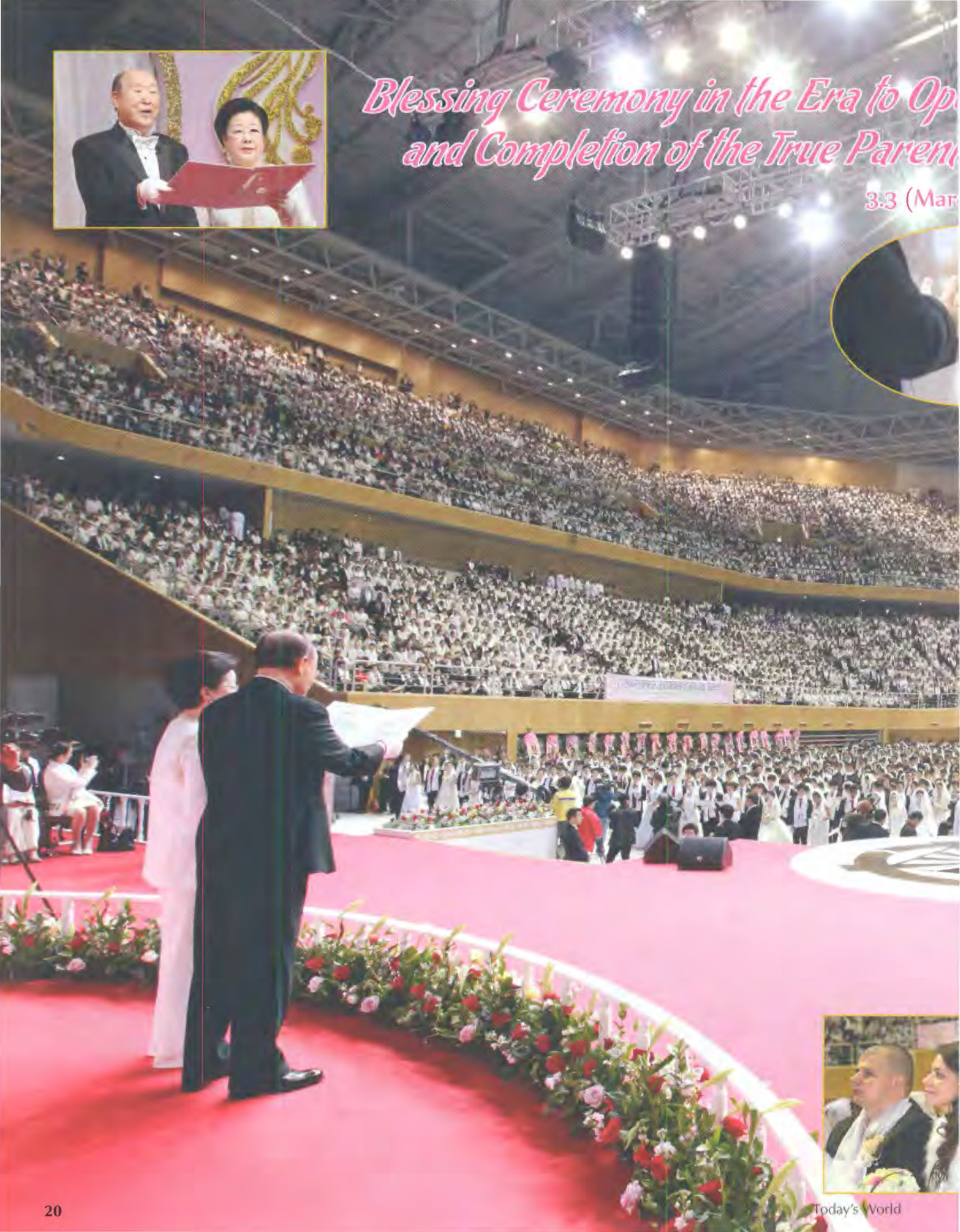
Above: Father's calligraphy reads "True Parents of Heaven and Love, the House of the Original Homeland of Heaven and Love"; Father and Mother took turns to read Father's speech; **Center:** The professional production of a musical depicting Father's life has a remarkable musical score and high drama; **Bottom:** With True Parents, a line of dignitaries, local and church, cut the tape to open the Cheongshim Peace World Center, where the Blessing Ceremony was held.





Blessing Ceremony in the Era to Open and Completion of the True Parent

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Through the Gates to the Victory, Liberation of Heaven, Earth and Humankind

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True Parents conducting a Holy Blessing Ceremony is like an act of creation whereby newlywed couples spring into existence with all the potential to inherit God's great love and convey it throughout the world. Photographs—Facing page top: Father and Mother conduct the Holy Water Ceremony; Middle: Prayers and words of blessing from religious leaders and dignitaries (left to right) Japan's National Federation of Blessed Families chairman Rev. Yeong-seob Song, Beobsa Buddhist Order chief executive Soon-kyung Sung, Catholic Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, National Confucian Scholars Association president Dae-bong Kang and former prime minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina Hasan Muratovic; This page top left: True Parents give rings to one of several representative couples; Right: A representative bride and groom offer a gift of thanks to Father and Mother; Below left: Couples exchange rings; Right: Blessing participants affirm the four wedding vows with a mighty shout of "Ye!"; Bottom: The blessing is a marriage of families that draws the generations together.



have an internal market, which is our membership, who must first be educated. That is why all our church leaders are being trained in this by the church headquarters. They, in turn, expand the market, increase market share, increase the proportion of people who understand.

People don't catch it straight off; it's an active education process.¹ And the nations, too, have to understand it. Look what Kook-jin nim is doing—he has been going around the country, giving the "Strong Korea?" lecture over and over again. You have to have that kind of fire to do it. So, we are training all our ministers in this, so that they can now give this content in churches.

Obviously we want to fight an ideological war rather than a military war; that's how VOC won over communism. We have to mobilize to fight this ideological war.

It seems that this initiative will be relevant beyond Korea and Japan.

Other countries should be preparing for this same effort, as these fundamental principles apply to all nations of the world. This is the best way to prepare for Foundation Day. If we don't

¹ What he is describing might gradually develop over some years following Foundation Day.

do this, if we don't prepare the substantial foundation for True Parents, the Messiah, to be received, God will judge the world. So either we all learn quickly how to fight ideologically or prepare for real conflict.

That's why this is essential. All the nations have to understand that Strong Korea is not just for Korea; Strong Japan is not just for Japan. It's for the whole world. For each nation preparing to enter the Abel UN. It should be Strong Latvia, Strong Slovenia, Strong Uganda.... The Abel realm has to defend freedom. We had better learn how to be strong. Tyrants and bullies must not be able to push good people and good nations around.

That would be a significant contribution to the world.

It's an enormous contribution. Many wondered what Father was talking about when he spoke about the Abel UN. Now it makes sense to people who have heard the "Strong Korea?" lecture. We have to comprehend the underlying concepts so as to prepare countries for the Abel UN.

We don't want nations to fall into subservience. Do we want to live in that kind of world? The Unification Church has to fight to stop that. No one else is doing that. We have to bring nations into the Abel UN, and stop the steady rise of dictators. It's part of the good fight. **TW**



True Parents observe as Hyung-jin nim explains the moves being executed in a Brazilian Jujitsu demonstration as part of the martial arts tournament held on February 27 at the Central Training Center in Korea.

The World Martial Arts Tournament to Open the Era of the Victory, Liberation and Completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind was a martial arts demonstration coordinated by Hyung-jin nim in which professional martial artist (and blessed member) Francisco Costa Mauriene demonstrated the art of Brazilian Jujitsu, plus training time for members of the audience to learn basic moves. True Parents observed closely and encouraged everyone present to live dedicated lives.

"A true martial artist practices in order to control not only his body but also his mind and emotions. That's why I think meditation practice is important training for us. I tell our hoonsanims that they are practicing the most difficult kind of martial art—the art of constant control over the mind. That is the highest level....

I thought there was no way I could go public with my involvement with martial arts. But Father pushed me and challenged me as to whether I was going to believe in him or not. As I tried to follow his directions, I realized that if we trust in True Parents, we will find freedom. True Parents know us better than we know ourselves." —From Hyung-jin nim's sermon (via video) on 3.4 (March 25) at Cheon Bok Gung

"My job as the international president is to love the Lord! I am not perfect at it, but my job is to serve and surrender to Christ. Love the Lord with all your might, power and strength. Please understand that I need to be with Father. This is my work..... To fulfill the purpose of Creation someone from among the True Children has to give up his own desire and just be there for True Parents." —From what Hyung-jin nim said to World Mission Headquarters staff on 2.21 (March 13) **TW**

Faith Leaders Respond to the Principle as Never Before

By Michael Jenkins

Dr. R. M. "This was the best and the clearest, most inspiring presentation of the Divine Principle that I've ever heard—to see the Bible unfold with such clarity and be so solid. I'm a university professor, but I felt honored to receive Father Moon's teaching. My wife and I have been blessed by True Parents. However, I now am feeling the confidence and reality that Christianity is going to move in a big way with ACLC."

One hundred and seventy-two faith leaders were transformed through True Parents and the Registration for God's Kingdom last September.¹ Central to this was True Parents' engrafting each of the religious leaders into a Korean tribe, whereby each received a Korean name. Through the Original Substance of Divine Principle workshop (OSDP) given by Rev. Jeong-ok Yu, and traveling to many Korean cities to testify to True Parents, they had experienced first-hand how God has prepared Korea to be the Holy Land in this new age.

True Parents visited the group thirteen times while they were in Korea. Upon Father's request, twelve pastors among the many that came to Korea agreed to stay an extra week beyond the two weeks they had devoted away from their usual responsibilities. This smaller group went fishing with Father on the seas off Geomun Island. There, Father guided them personally with Hyung-jin nim translating. Hyung-jin nim moved to different parts of the boat while we were fishing and shared True Parents' teachings and encouragement for the ministers in their mission. Many of them testified that, through listening to Hyung-jin nim, they felt hopeful about the future. Especially after meeting him personally, they felt True Parents' love and spirit upon him.

On the final occasion at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace garden,² Father and Mother gave these twelve (and, through them, all 172) the great commission: "You must become Jesus to your church, community and nation. To do this you must establish twelve as Jesus did."³

1 For a full description of their Korean visit, please see Rev. Jenkins' article, "ACLC Answers the Call," in our October 2011 issue.

2 A grassy area with a large pavilion beside a pond

3 Father indicated that each of them should find twelve other clergy, elders from their churches, and even relatives—twelve disciples willing to follow the minister to the Blessing and affirm True Parents.

Left to right: Rev. Jeong-ok Yu lectures at an OSDP workshop; Rev. Norman Keanaaina of Hawaii gives testimony; Rev. Joshua Cotter is the moderator for a panel (which includes Christian pastors) taking questions on the Divine Principle.



Pastors Testify about the Original Substance of Divine Principle Conference

Bishop W. M. "This is my first time to be with ACLC. I had heard of Father Moon all throughout my life, but somehow when I heard about this conference I felt it was sent by God. I completely believe that the teaching of the OSDP correctly reveals the new wine in Scriptures. I have been praying that Jesus would reveal to me the way we must lead our congregation. This is an answer to prayer. I brought my wife after I found how wonderful it was. We were very moved by the blessing and the understanding of the change of lineage. I can now see how God is revealing the truth on a new level. I appreciate deeply those who taught us. I told Rev. Jenkins, 'I have joined this movement. Please give me the direction to go. I was asked to bring twelve and I will do that immediately.'"

Bishop Sulanch Grant-Lewis: "This conference was deeper for me than ever. Hearing the Original Substance of Divine Principle, I could understand more clearly than ever the Fall of Man and the meaning of the change of lineage. I'm grateful to True Parents for their love. On the boat at Geomun Island I shared with Father Moon that we would bring the fruit now, and he turned to me and said, 'I know you will.' Some nights I can't sleep now because after the urgency of Father's heart in the special garden, I feel such urgency. I will work closely with the leadership of ACLC to organize ACLC in New York. Now the leaders that I brought are wanting to organize more than 100 churches. Bishop Brown and Bishop Lunsden and I were deeply inspired by Father Moon's teaching. Without this teaching we cannot fulfill our role as clergy. Father Moon's heart is beating in us. We feel that this is the hour that is most serious. We cannot miss this moment in history. We must bring the fruit and the harvest as Father commissioned us in the special garden. In Las Vegas I was again privileged to be one of the twelve that came. Father's heart of urgency is burning in me. I just want to bring more and more of the leaders now and comfort Father's heart. I was deeply moved by the Holy Spirit in this convocation. I could understand *shimjung* and God's heart because I feel True Father's heart is so urgent. God's heart is so urgent and yet so loving. We will bring the harvest. I feel True Mother's love and I know that the members of the clergy are prepared."



Photos courtesy of the ACLC-USA

In-jin nim speaking at the 16th Annual True Family Values Banquet at the Hilton Hotel in Chicago, December 17, 2011. This was the culmination of an OSDP workshop that brought the number of faith leader participants to 3,000.

This commission to become the embodiment of the Lord created a burning passion in the hearts of the ministers.

When we returned to America, Father again called representatives of the 172 including the twelve selected in Korea. Father commissioned us to multiply the 172 by twelve. Additionally, other ACLC members in America were asked to find twelve more. Together these would total three thousand, the number that Father had said Heaven needed us to educate.

Then Father suddenly asked us to assemble at least 1,200 members of the clergy in Las Vegas within twenty-four hours to kick off this providence. Our U.S. church president, Rev. In-jin Moon, was absolute in her resolve to achieve what Father had asked and gave us strong encouragement. Our continental director, Dr. Chang-shik Yang, guided our planning, and the Unification Church leadership team plus that of the American Clergy Leadership Conference sprang into action. On Wednesday, October 5, less than 24 hours after Father had given the instructions, twelve hundred faith leaders from around the nation met in Las Vegas. There, True Parents held a second Registration for God's Kingdom and Fatherland.

We followed Father's direction to educate three thousand faith leaders and began to conduct the Original Substance of Divine Principle conferences. Rev. Jeong-ok Yu taught them first in Las Vegas, and then in Atlantic City, New Jersey—and we are continuing to go to major areas to invite pastors from all over the country. Archbishop Ki-hoon Kim, Father's special representative to all religious leaders,⁴ gave deep guidance and helped our team understand how to fulfill this historic condition. At first it was slow, but the religious leaders began to feel the Holy Spirit moving strongly in the conferences. Said a bishop from a major denomination: "You can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit so strongly in this convocation, and it gives us confidence in Father Moon's call that we as clergymen can transform Christianity and turn America and the world in God's direction for marriage and family."

Archbishop Stallings and all the core leadership of ACLC, myself included, worked with the faith leaders and the ACLC cochairs from around the country with the tremendous support of the Unification Church in all fifty states.

Pastors are coming to understand the Original Substance of Divine Principle better than before, as Father's conditions are being harvested in the Second Israel. They are coming forward to join with True Parents as a body of Christ united in their understanding that Jesus anointed True Parents to fulfill the Second Coming of the Lord.

So that the pastors could better understand the core concepts of the Principle, Father gave permission for them to hear parts of the OSDP in English. Lecturers were chosen who had extensive lecturing experience. Father was most inspired to hear that Archbishop Stallings was teaching the Fall of Man and the Mission of Jesus. Bishop Jesse Edwards, Rev. Tanya Edwards, Bishop

⁴ This was a personal appointment by True Father.

Sulanch Lewis and others were teaching and actually positioned like John the Baptist—to make straight the way of the Lord.

Although the depth of Rev. Yu's presentations could not be achieved, the spirit of the lectures was the same. Through his guidance and support, the door opened for the audience to receive, in their own language, an understanding of *shimjung*, of God's heart, and especially of absolute sexual morality. It was from there that the religious leaders would go back from the conference and bring five, ten or even forty of their fellow faith leaders with them the next time. It was rapid expansion, the likes of which has never been seen before.

Amazing breakthroughs began to occur in the conferences. Bishop Sulanch Lewis, who is now on the national board of ACLC, was deeply moved by Father's commission. Even in the very first OSDP kingdom registration conference in Atlantic City she felt strongly that she had to "bring twelve." And as she was reaching out to other pastors, she spoke with bishops and encouraged them to also bring twelve ministers. Bishop Sulanch Lewis was able to bring forty-one ministers from New York with her to her very first conference. She commissioned each to go out and "bring your twelve disciples in."

This opened up a huge vision for the clergy of how they could actually multiply. In the past, our outreach teams would invite ministers, and new ones would come, but only one by one. Now, because of Father's vision and his clear understanding of how to fulfill that vision, they are now coming by the dozens and by the hundreds. Bishop Lewis has brought more than 120 religious leaders.

One cochair, Rev. Michael Sykes of New Jersey, was one of the twelve pastors that went to Las Vegas after returning from the trip to Korea with the 172. He shared with us that at first he was very apprehensive about bringing ministers and elders of his church to the OSDP workshop and to hear testimonies about Father and Mother Moon. But because of the love he felt from True Parents, he broke through in his heart and began to bring dozens of people. First he brought four of his key ministers, and to his amazement they were deeply inspired by the Holy Spirit. They started to feel the affirmation of the advent of the Lord, that True Parents are fulfilling the Second Coming under the anointing of Jesus.

At the next conference Rev. Sykes' four ministers were able to bring twenty-five more. That's how the multiplication occurred. Many key pastors came from Las Vegas; for example, Rev. Hudson Griffith who hosts a prominent Christian radio program. He also caught the vision, and together with his wife, brought many ministers to the OSDP to achieve the twelve. In this way, Father's vision, that the body of Christ is truly ready to unite to build God's kingdom, is being realized.

One exciting aspect of the program was the panel discussions, with members of the ACLC sitting on the panel, answering questions about the Divine Principle and the Bible. And there were tough questions. Members of the audience would write them down, the moderator, Rev. Cotter, would read them out, and then someone on the panel would answer. Some of the Christian ministers were so advanced in their understanding of the Principle that they could answer very precisely and with confidence. That led to greater understanding, and the ministers began to open their hearts. Everyone had their Bibles out. Questions would come to the panel about the Fall

and the meaning of the sexual aspects. Questions would come about *shimjung*, and why we would talk about absolute sexual morality. Some of these religious leaders could answer so clearly and so deeply. Our ACLC board members were also on hand to help explain things.

In all the programs for educating religious leaders, since the early workshops in Korea⁵ through today, there has never been such a groundswell or expansion of clergy being able to receive God's word and fully accept the Divine Principle teachings on the Bible. ACLC Executive Board Member Rev. Levy Daugherty, who led the ICC work to bring seven thousand members of the clergy to Korea in the 1980s, expressed it like this: "True Parents always said that if we just keep loving and sharing God's word with ministers, they would one day rise up to fulfill their mission. That day has now come."

In teaching the Principle to ministers, our emphasis is always based on John 16:25, where Jesus said, "I have said this



The OSDP workshops welcome faith leaders from various traditions and a wide range of denominations.

to you in figures; the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures but tell you plainly of the Father," and John 16:12-13, "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...."

We emphasized very strongly that Jesus taught that you must put new wine into new wineskins. In other words, when Jesus taught new understanding of the Scriptures, "new wine," he always taught that you had to have a new mind, an open mind; that is, a "new wineskin."⁶

Another highlight of the kingdom building conferences is the Blessing Ceremony with the holy wine. These feature testimonies of ministers who have received the blessing of marriage from True Parents and then our guidance on the meaning of the change of lineage.

Archbishop Stallings gives his amazing testimony about how through the fifty-state tour (in 2001) he came to believe in Father and Mother and how he was matched by Father. Today they are a beautiful blessed couple and have two sons. Archbishop Stallings' testimony totally stimulates the audience.

⁵ International Conferences for Clergy (ICC), held in Korea 1985-1989. Rev. Jenkins was involved in these as a lecturer from the first conference in 1985.

⁶ Mk 2:22



Pastors at the Original Substance of Divine Principle workshop in Las Vegas in October

Bishop and Mrs. Edwards would share how True Parents' blessing blessed and completely transformed their marriage into a marriage of true love.

At the same time, we found that people would be touched deeply about the meaning of the blessing, not only from the clergy couples but also from our blessed central families. Sometimes after the holy wine ceremony the ministers would offer prayers of healing for anyone who would gather round; these were very beautiful, spiritual nights, a beautiful way to end the ceremony in which the couples drank the holy wine and then rededicated their marriage.

In Father's many years of work to guide the clergy, I have observed one thing repeatedly. When a significant victory was about to occur, members of the clergy began to experience spiritual phenomena. This is now happening through the OSDP kingdom registration workshops. One pastor from Brooklyn had the following dream: "Father Moon appeared to me in my dream the second night of the OSDP. It was in the garden behind the Peace Palace where the twelve of us had gathered for a special dinner with True Parents. Father gave a book to me in the dream and told me, you religious leaders have to bring this back to America. You have to swim across

the ocean, but don't worry, the book will never be damaged or get wet. Suddenly in the dream, we swam across the ocean to America. We arrived in Las Vegas at the OSDP. When I looked, the book was in perfect condition. It was the Original Substance of Divine Principle book. This is the book we are using at the conference that completely reveals the truth about the Bible. I awoke feeling amazed."

After various testimonies got out to ministers across the country, the OSDP workshops began to noticeably expand. Yet we still had to push hard to meet the goal. It was never easy, and without the support of the Unification Church members, it wouldn't have happened.

Then, we were able to break through. Almost nine hundred religious leaders came to Chicago for the OSDP conference from December 14 to 17. True Father's prayer was being realized. On the last day, we completed the three thousand. The participants were stunned to learn that, on the very day we were concluding the OSDP, North Korean leader Kim Jong-il had transitioned to the spirit world. They felt that a new age had dawned.

The Chicago conference concluded with a beautiful sixteenth Annual True Family Values Banquet at the Hilton Hotel, with more than two thousand people. With the spirit of the word guiding us, Rev. In-jin Moon gave a tremendous message centering on how True Parents have brought victory once again in bringing three thousand, that Jesus is liberated and he has anointed True Parents and anointed the clergy to fulfill their historic responsibility. The sermon was very well received. We are united as one in the American movement.

Following this, Father commissioned us to invite 9,000 more clergy. We reached 1,500 in the first forty days⁷ and then Father increased the goal to 10,000. Now we are on the path to reach out to and bring 10,000 more religious leaders, for a total of 13,000. We can't wait to see what happens when the thirteen thousand leaders of the Second Israel fulfill Father's direction in the twelfth year of Cheon Il Guk. We know that with the spirit of True Parents guiding us victoriously, we will be able to fulfill our responsibility to Heaven. **TW**

Rev. Jenkins is the president of ACLC.



Left: A minister receives a True Family Values Award during the banquet concluding the final OSDP workshop of 2011. Rev. Michael Jenkins is at left. Right: Almost nine hundred attended the OSDP workshop in Chicago in December.



⁷ At time of printing, about 2,000 among the 10,000 have participated

Stop Circumcision: Save the True Love Organs!

An Entreaty

By Yejin Moon



Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Cheon Il Guk, Warmest greetings to all of you. I would like to take this opportunity to share with all of you one particular topic that has been heavy on my heart and which I believe to be an equally critical topic for all the central blessed families and Unification Church members at large. The topic in question is the practice of circumcision and the lack of clear, Principled guidance about why circumcision is no longer a defensible practice in this era of settlement in Cheon Il Guk, when we must move beyond all the indemnity conditions, which have deeply sorrowed our Heavenly Parent ever since the Fall, though they were necessary in fallen human history.

True Parents have taught us that originally our Heavenly Parent created human beings to be our Heavenly Parent's children, or ultimate object partners, endowed to experience our Heavenly Parent's complete love in all the facets of life, as we ourselves are a microcosm of the entire creational effort.

True Parents have repeatedly taught us that the place where God's absolute love and the absolute love of humankind meet is where the man and woman's sexual organs are united.¹ The male and female sexual organs are God's original palace of love where love, life, and lineage connect and perpetuate.² Human sexual organs are the root of life, the basis for the continuance of the universe, and the starting base for God's kingdom on earth and in heaven.³ All the more, because the human sexual organs symbolize the microcosm of the creation or the center where love, life and lineage are to merge and perpetuate for eternity, our Heavenly Parent had invested with utmost diligence, utmost pleasure and care in creating them, and was well pleased with the result.

Nevertheless, our Heavenly Parent's heart was utterly shattered when Adam and Eve committed the Fall and could not unite with their Heavenly Parent in absolute sex and be an absolute couple centering on their Heavenly Parent.⁴ It was only on account of the Fall that what our Heavenly Parent had originally envisioned as the most precious symbolic parts, the sexual organs where love, life, and lineage were to merge as one, became the emblems of evil, the icons of sin and fallen lineage, giving our Heavenly Parent no place to abide until restoration is complete. Until then, this fractured history of separation of our Heavenly Parent and humanity, the division into heaven and hell, has been our broken, dysfunctional, cosmic reality. During the indemnity history, humanity had to reap what our first ancestors had sown through wrongdoing committed with their sexual parts and offered to the satanic position, our false parent. In light of this, notwithstanding God's inconsolable pain and sorrow, our Heavenly Parent had no choice but to accept in tears the condition of circumcision as a means of conditional separation from evil until the time when restoration and liberation from all sin is complete.

We learned that it was only because of the Fall that it became necessary for conditions to be set during the history of restoration through indemnity.⁵ However, if we are now beyond the history of indemnity and have entered the settlement era of Cheon Il Guk, it is incumbent upon all of us to separate ourselves from the remnants of the history of indemnity, and do our utmost to

1 Cheon Seong Gyeong (hereafter, CSG) 1733

2 CSG, 1713, 1733-1734

3 CSG, 1724, 1731

4 CSG, 1766, 1771

5 See Exposition of the Divine Principle Pt. 2, Introduction, Section 1

achieve the original ideal of the Heavenly Parent's creation. One case in point is the practice of circumcision.

Circumcision was never part of the original design of the first man and woman, whom our Heavenly Parent created in the last creative act before our Heavenly Parent rested from the work of the Creation.⁶ Our Heavenly Parent did not have a change of heart after finishing the creation of Adam and Eve—as if the perfect Heavenly Parent could have made mistakes in the Creation and had to redo the already finished work by having parts of Adam and Eve's genitalia cut off.

On the contrary, our Heavenly Parent found only joy and saw goodness⁷ in the completed work represented in Adam and Eve as the first human beings, with all the parts of their spiritual and physical selves intact and complete. When we consider our cosmic reality, we must examine it by separating the Heavenly Parent's portion of the responsibility to complete the creation, which is absolute, eternal, perfect, and good, and the human portion, based on free will, with which our Heavenly Parent does not interfere. The human portion of that responsibility also affects how the course of humanity and of the entire creation moves and changes. Employing the Principled logic of the Heavenly Parent and human beings sharing this responsibility, we can have absolute conviction that our Heavenly Parent's part in the creation of human beings was absolute, eternal, perfect and good.

Exposition of the Divine Principle explains why the condition of circumcision became providentially necessary for the purpose of paying indemnity:

Let us examine the deeper significance of circumcision. When the first human ancestors fell through a sexual relationship with Satan, they inherited the blood of death through the male sexual organ. In the course for fallen people to be restored as God's Children, God established the rite of circumcision as a condition of indemnity... Circumcision signifies removing the blood of death.⁸

Circumcision was used as a temporary indemnity measure. A portion of the male sexual part was removed, symbolizing the removal of the blood of death inherited from the first human ancestors' un-Principled sexual relationship. However, if we are now beyond the history of indemnity and those in the position of the restored Adam and Eve—the True Parents—have succeeded through the change of bloodline to nullify the blood of death inherited through Adam and Eve's sexual fall with Lucifer, there is absolutely no reason to continue with the practice of circumcision.

Over the many decades of his ministry, Father has often mentioned that although the rite of circumcision was a necessary condition for the chosen people in the Old Testament era, it is not needed today. For instance, in October 2002 Father emphasized that circumcision as has been practiced by fallen humanity is wrong and no longer necessary after the history of restoration.

In fact, if we, knowing that we are beyond the past history of indemnity, still chose to practice remnants of the history of indemnity of the past such as circumcision, we would be positioning ourselves as if to suggest that we are still in the part of the sinful history requiring salvation, separation from the "blood of death." If this be the case, would it not then be a contradiction on our part to call ourselves blessed families, which are by definition connected to the heavenly lineage?

For many years, the issue of circumcision has been a deep concern of mine as I have personal experiences relating to it and

have witnessed many blessed families struggling with the issue.

I first faced the issue when I had my first son in 1982. When my mother-in-law came from Korea to welcome her grandson, to my surprise, she asked me when I was going to circumcise him. She said that South Koreans routinely circumcise their boys for religious and medical reasons. She also apologized that because my husband was the oldest, born during the days when she and her husband were on a pioneering mission, she had not had a chance to circumcise him. She continued that if my husband and I wanted, he could still be circumcised, as that is also a frequent practice for older men in South Korea. I vehemently objected to what I considered to be not only a primitive and barbaric practice but also an un-Principled indemnity condition that was not according to the original desire of our Heavenly Parent.

Circumcision⁹ was never a custom in Korea in times past, but it became a cultural norm beginning around the 1950s with the influx of United States' military personnel and American Christian missionaries, who brought their own moral interpretations regarding the practice.¹⁰ As time passed, although the practice of circumcision has diminished drastically in the United States



Generally performed on the eighth day after birth, circumcision, for Jews, is a religious rite.

and other countries, heavily Christianized South Korea has maintained its stubborn stance on circumcision, citing religious and medical relevancy even to this day.¹¹

This widespread cultural practice of circumcision in South Korean society has been a significant source of confusion for Korean blessed families and international blessed couples. Research done on the Korean blessed families' attitude to circumcision found that Korean blessed families most often opt for circumcision precisely because the Korean culture as a whole still favors circumcision.¹² Without clear, direct and official Unification Church guidelines, Korean blessed families are left perplexed and easily influenced by the South Korean culture, where circumcision is rampant to the point that more than 80 percent of men below forty years of age have undergone circumcision.¹³

The Korean Unification Church's lack of clear Principled guidance⁹ The medical procedure is known as prepucectomy.

10 Yohsihiko Masuda, "A Unification Ethical Appraisal of Male and Female Circumcision," (Hereafter, Masuda) in *From Dependence and Independence towards Interdependence*, p. 240.

11 Masuda, 246-249

12 Masuda, 246

13 Masuda, 249

6 Gn 1: 31—Gn 2: 2

7 Gn 1

8 From the chapter "Moses and Jesus in the Providence of Restoration"

ance on the issue of circumcision is a serious problem for Unificationists worldwide, for they look to Korea as the fatherland of our faith and expect the Korean Unification Church to be the exemplary guide in answering their questions related to their life of faith based on the Principle.

In 1985, first in Korean and then in other languages, the only official Unification Church guideline on the subject of circumcision was published in *The Tradition*, under the guidance of then international president Chung-hwan Kwak. On page 163, it states:

Unification Church View on Circumcision

The Unification Church takes the position that there is no spiritual reason for circumcision. It is not the customary practice in many nations throughout the world, although Western hospitals offer the option of circumcising male children. Medical reasons given for the practice usually relate to hygiene; however, recent studies question that justification.

Since there is no spiritual reason to do this, many members have chosen not to circumcise; however, this decision should be made by the parents themselves. Throughout the church as a whole, there is a strong tradition not to circumcise.

Although the book mentions that there is “no spiritual reason for circumcision,” by adding the ambivalent “this decision should be made by the parents themselves,” it creates room for misinterpretation and allows for the possibility that circumcision may continue.

As he was one of the elders from the 36-couple blessing group who had been entrusted to represent True Parents’ Principled conviction on setting the true tradition (hence, the title of the book) for generations to come on such a critical topic as circumcision, *The Tradition* should have absolutely drawn a line of separation between the Heavenly Parent’s original design, where there is no circumcision, and the indemnity condition, which required circumcision and had nothing to do with God’s ideal or true heavenly tradition. But, having opted for prevarication instead of Principled clarity, the book invites confusion for the reader.

But, having opted for prevarication instead of Principled clarity, the book invites confusion for the reader. If we are now beyond the history of indemnity in its entirety, and if those in the position of the restored Adam and Eve—the True Parents—have succeeded through the change of bloodline to nullify the blood of death inherited through Adam and Eve’s sexual fall with Lucifer, there is absolutely no reason to continue this mutilation. No spiritual nor earthly reason exists to continue any practice of circumcision on man or woman.

My heart reaches out to the blessed families who have experienced loss because there was no Principled, official guideline clarifying what was the original design and heart of our Heavenly Parent when man and woman were created with complete and intact sexual organs.¹⁴ At the same time, I would like to add by offering comfort to those who have circumcised their children, or have been circumcised themselves, that since we are eternal beings under our Heavenly Parent’s promise, everyone will return to God in complete human perfection from the prospective of eternity. In our eternal life in the spirit, we will recover all that we lost during our physical life. If this promise were not true, people whose physical selves were damaged in the physical world or young children who died prematurely would not grow to have complete human form or value in the eternal realm.

14 In Andrew Wilson’s paper on “The Problem of Circumcision,” *Journal of Unification Studies*, Vol. XI (New York: UTS, 2010), he explores at length various reasons for not having a male child circumcised. The paper can be found on www.uts.edu.

As our Heavenly Parent is the balanced and harmonious being of masculinity and femininity, or Father God and Mother God, especially the Mother God side of our Heavenly Parent will warmly see to each of our needs and patiently work with each one of us to fully recover what our Heavenly Parent had originally envisioned in creating us—that is, in the complete external form and internally substantiated value of our being.¹⁵

After a long, hellish, serpentine route that had been the indemnity history of immeasurable loss and suffering, we are finally on the threshold of the settlement era of Cheon Il Guk, where the promise and the healing embrace of our Heavenly Parent await us all, to be cherished in joyous gratitude. However, as our Heavenly Parent is the parent of all people, not only should we work to restore ourselves as individuals but we should also work collectively with our siblings, that is all humankind, to grow together and to go arm in arm to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven, Cheon Il Guk, at the center of which is the Heavenly Parent’s absolute heart, love and truth. As we embark on our road back to healing and peaceful settlement in the heart of our Heavenly Parent, we must necessarily sepa-



An anti-circumcision protest march in San Francisco, California

rate ourselves from the remnants of the history of indemnity that had ruptured our hope for true life, true love and true lineage, as we become engrafted to our Heavenly Parent through our original sexual parts.

Please save the true love sexual organs! They are the original work of our Heavenly Parent. They are the just claim not only of ourselves but of our Heavenly Parent. They are the masterpieces of our Heavenly Parent’s work of creation that must be cherished and protected.

Brothers and Sisters, please save the true love organs! They are for the good of all of us, as they are for true love, true life and true lineage, forever and ever more. **TW**

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Preparing for Excellence

A Program for Young Adult Unificationists



Roland Platt guides the 170 Unificationists, including twenty staff members, who make up the Generation Peace Academy (GPA) a program that seeks to give young first- and second-generation members the tools to secure a rich base of experience in life that will bring them closer to God and prepare them to achieve their dreams. We spoke to Mr. Platt during a recent visit to Korea with a group of GPA members.

Today's World: Do you have a long history of working with Special Task Force (STF) which has now been restructured as Generation Peace Academy?

Roland Platt: I became involved with STF in 2001, initially as a team leader and a group leader. I then helped to pioneer Latin American STF (Yes, I spoke enough Spanish!) and upon returning to the States in 2006 I became the director of STF USA. Special Task Force was first developed in 1994 but has been totally transformed under In-jin nim's leadership.

I understand that GPA is part of an integrated system of ministries.

I've been a part of the leadership team of our program for ten years, and we've had about a hundred brothers and sisters each year. They would have profound experiences on the program, but then once they'd graduated from it, there wasn't much they could actually apply or transfer into real life from what they had experienced. Unfortunately, many of them kind of "crashed" after they experienced STF. That was always the challenge.

Now, though, I think we have a healthy ministry for graduates of the program to go back to when they return to their communities. In-jin nim is pulling everything together in America—CARP, the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) and UPF. Everything is integrated and working together. For example, it's a seamless, natural transition now, from Generation Peace Academy into CARP.

This integrated approach must be of great benefit to the movement.

I am hopeful about it. In-jin nim's vision is to create a program not only for blessed children, but also for young first-generation Unificationists. Next year we'll begin accepting these young Unificationists to what is now a high quality program.

GPA do regular service projects in the International Service Module; pictured here is a GPA participant at a school on the island nation of St. Lucia.



Photos courtesy of GPA

Do you notice a difference between young members of the first generation and those of the second generation?

Second-generation members have an incredible spirit. I was a mobile fund-raising team (MFT) captain, and had the opportunity to guide many teams of first-generation members. We had members from Russia, the Philippines and Mongolia, but the very year we began with second-generation members, it was completely different. The bond they have between them is amazing. First-generation members are following their own course of restoration, and it's a little more individualistic, even competitive. The care and bonding among those in the second generation, on the other hand, is just amazing; it's beautiful to see.

The people you work with are young, pre-university age?

Essentially, it's a post-high school program—any age, post-high school. In the past few years, we've had an increasing number of people join who are twenty or twenty-one and have done a couple of years of college but decided to take a year off to refresh themselves.

Can you explain the essence of what people do on GPA?

The year starts with a kick-off workshop, so everyone starts on the same page. We have three modules that participants take part in. We have what is called the Leadership Module, which is based at the Learning Center in Manhattan.¹ They join the Leadership Initiative, which is a Lovin' Life pro-

¹ He is referring to a church-owned building in New York City.



GPA members participating in an international service module in Guyana take a moment to send smiles around the world.

gram.² Another module is the Fund-raising Module, where they experience being on a mobile fund-raising team, going through different levels of fund raising while traveling across the United States. The third module is the Overseas or International Service Module, which includes up to twenty-one days of overseas experience. Mostly, we've been working in South America, Central America and the Caribbean. This time, for the first time, we've come out to Asia, with this trip to Japan and Korea.³

"Service" means...

"Service" means finding a way to go to the roots of a local

² This includes taking classes and doing a practicum in ministry, outreach, service, (music or dance) performance, media, or (audio, video or stage) production.

³ Their choir participated in the God's Day choral competition and placed first; they went on to support tsunami relief efforts in Japan.



Brett Moss speaks to GPA Leadership Module members



GPA members discussing "love languages" at the Lovin' Life youth group, Junction, as part of their Leadership Module



GPA volunteers pick up debris left by the tsunami a year before.

community. It's a great experience, especially for Americans second-generation members to see how privileged they are. They don't realize how fortunate they are until they develop relationships with people in other countries, many of them third-world countries, and actually stay there, working side-by-side with people from the local community. We do this for three weeks, and find out what it is like to not have running water, air conditioning, and other luxuries that we take for granted at home.

How does the module system work?

Each module is about two and a half months, seventy-five days, and between each of the three modules, we have a big workshop where all of GPA comes together. For example, one group might come back from Manhattan where they'd spent a lot of time with In-jin nim's family and had wonderful experiences with ballroom dancing and the Lovin' Life Ministry. Meanwhile, another group had been in Honduras building a medical clinic, and the other group had been having a fund raising competition in the Rocky Mountains.⁴

⁴ This mountain range extends from near Mexico through the north-west corner of the lower forty-eight states into Canada and Alaska.

When they come together there's an incredible spirit and energy. They share their reports and their testimonies, and they learn and inherit from each other. They then all switch into new modules, ready to gain new experiences.

The three modules were In-jin nim's idea. It's actually brilliant. We used to do one solid year of fund raising, and it was not easy for the members to keep motivated and focused for the entire time. After a year of fund raising, members would spend a second year witnessing, which had similar difficulties. Now, it's short increments of time—two and a half months—through which they keep focused with a consistent spirit all year. It's working very well.

GPA is a much more sophisticated approach than MFT was in my day.

Fund raising is good preparation for life. For years, In-jin nim has been observing the STF program. She saw that it focused on spiritual growth, which is important (the basic foundation of faith), but it didn't provide the confidence and skills to go on to college and into careers, to strive to be the best. She speaks a lot about internal and external excellence and she's trying to combine the two through GPA.

It is fascinating to know that In-jin nim has put so much thought into these areas. So what qualities do *you* need to have as the director of GPA? I've always seen it as the True Family's program. It was established by the True Family, and it's always been led by someone in the True Family. Whichever True Family member was leading the program, they put their own strength or spirit into it. In-jin nim has definitely taken the program to the next level.

I always feel I want to help create a program that makes In-jin nim proud and to raise the blessed children in a way she would raise her own children. I'm trying to make it an extension of her own education for her own children. That's what I'm always trying to think about.



When you go out to the field with the GPA members, what do you try to convey to them?

More and more, I find myself thinking about the long term, how to prepare the members for life after GPA. I'm trying to teach them how to transfer and apply what they are learning now to their future. They are not just fund raising for the sake of fund raising, but to develop character and valuable life skills. Their time on GPA is short, but how they live this one year can impact their entire lives. As In-jin nim says, it's not what we know that matters, it's how we live.

In between the modules, what do you teach them in the workshops?

Between the modules, we have five-day workshops that are focused on many topics such as the Divine Principle, True Parents' life course, or blessing preparation. We often invite guest lecturers to help teach them. For example, during our workshop on True Parents' course, Jin-sung nim gave an incredible talk and helped us understand the True Family's course. Other guest speakers include Rev. Joshua Cotter and Mrs. Heather Thalheimer. We are giving the students a very well-rounded education.

I imagine this has a profound effect on all who are present.

I think one of the most precious things that GPA members gain—beside all the education we provide—is this connection with the True Family. In the Leadership Module, we have the blessing of being close to In-jin nim's family. Her desire is that all blessed children come to love True Parents and feel that the True Family is my family.

Can you explain in more detail about how GPA is integrated with CARP and the church?

Lovin' Life Ministry uses five principles for spiritual growth: Inspire, Empower, Connect, Contribute and Inherit.⁵ These refer to basic habits of a healthy spiritual life. Throughout the year on GPA, we teach members how to practice these habits, so that once they graduate and go back to their communities, or even are alone at college, they can draw strength from these spiritual practices. It is a foundation

⁵ Their ministry supports everyone on the journey to develop the four realms of heart through practices associated with these terms.

for them to continue to grow spiritually after they graduate from the GPA course. That's why I now feel a lot more confident to have the blessed children graduate from this program and move on, because I know there's consistency within the program and after the program.

The whole Lovin' Life Ministries' image and package is very attractive for young people. In-jin nim was thinking for a long time about our name, Special Task Force. We're now called Generation Peace Academy. I think it's much more attractive. The name itself conveys what the essence of the program is.

There's a program based in Seattle, Next Generation Academy, run by Jeff Adshead. Is there any relationship between GPA and NGA?

They are both great programs and each has their own strong points. We've done some things together, including some joint workshops. Having a variety of programs is good because there are all sorts of people in our second generation and not all of them are going to join GPA.

In-jin nim is trying to combine both the internal and the external aspects of excellence through GPA in order to give young people confidence to go out and get into good schools, get a good education, good careers, build a wonderful family and represent True Parents well.

Perhaps members will do more when they graduate and become part of society.

Absolutely. In-jin nim shared that she's seen two extremes within the second generation—one, of people who are very faithful. They join programs and attend workshops which usually do not place much emphasis on academic education. Maybe their parents didn't go to college, so they don't value it much. On the other hand, others are very much into academics. They might have a parent pushing them to become a doctor or lawyer, and they become successful but sometimes don't do anything for the church. In-jin nim is trying to bring out the best of both worlds by creating a program that integrates aspects of both internal and external excellence. In-jin nim stresses the development of the whole person and GPA reflects that. *JW*



Left: GPA members on a leadership module workshop with the theme "Creating a Life You Love," at the Morning Garden estate in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Right: A GPA member serves in Guyana

In Japan a Year after the Tsunami

By Nina Taupier



Nina Taupier

My parents are national messiah for St. Lucia so I lived there for most of my life. Generation Peace Academy (GPA)¹ has been going to St. Lucia for the last few years as part of their overseas service project module. I am now studying in Korea, and I met GPA at the CARP Assembly during the True God's Day celebrations. Roland Platt, the director of the GPA program, invited me to go to Japan with them February 6–13 to visit local churches and participate in volunteer relief work. I thought this was a good opportunity for me to give back to our mother nation, which has done so much for us.

We went to help with tsunami relief volunteer activities in small villages near the city of Ishinomaki.² Last year's March 11 tsunami devastated the fishing villages near Ishinomaki. It took away all the houses and boats, and with those the fishermen's source of income. Many of the villages and towns near the city have received help but the small isolated villages near the sea remain the same.

The site where we volunteered was a small fishing village about two and a half hours from the city. Volunteers rarely go to those isolated villages and the vast empty debris-strewn land was testament to that. On our way there, I was curious as to what we would be doing. We passed several houses for refugees who have nowhere to call home anymore. I thought that we might help build or paint houses. We learned when we arrived that we would be cleaning up debris left behind where houses had stood. We were to pick up every little bit of plastic, metal, wood or brick that had been left behind and sort them for recycling. We were starting from the zero level. The ground first needs to be cleared before houses can be built. This required patience. The man in charge of the volunteer project explained to us that picking up even the smallest piece of debris was a way of taking care of the landowners' hearts. Seeing bits of debris remaining might remind them of the tsunami. With these words, I gained determination to pick up even the smallest piece of debris on the ground, or even those buried a bit. This was a way to help. I was grateful that the man in charge helped me make the connection between the physical work we were doing and helping to heal the Japanese people's hearts.

I felt blessed and grateful to be able to help substantially, in action. Many people even in Japan

Picking up debris left over from the tsunami of March 11 last year was arduous work, but there was strength in numbers.

1 Formerly known as Special Task Force (STF); for more on the many changes it has undergone, see p. 32

2 In Miyagi Prefecture, about 200 mi (330 km) up the coast from Tokyo; from Sendai, off the coast of which was the epicenter of the tsunami-causing earthquake, it is 25 mi (40 km) north



would love to help but don't have the opportunity. I felt as if we represented those people. Going to Japan, seeing the barren area full of debris and the refugees took me by surprise. It is easy to think that everything is fine in Japan now and that people are back to living almost normal lives, but that is far from the reality.

Mr. Kato, a member of our church that has been working with the volunteer program in Ishinomaki for eleven months, shared a few stories about people he's helped. Some people lost their family and all their relatives, and with them all hope of living. Other people are still waiting for loved ones to come back. One woman's grandson had been working at a shop when the tsunami hit. He is probably dead, but she believes he will return someday. From time to time, she comes to pray on the site where the shop once stood. In another case, a woman in a sinking car handed her baby to a rescuer that was on the roof of a building saying "*kodomo onegai shimasu*" (please take care of this baby). A rescue worker walked down the roof to where the car was in the water and pulled the mother to safety. He told her that the baby needed her too. Other parents were not as fortunate as this mother and sacrificed their lives for the sake of their children. These parents have entrusted the care of their children to us. Groups unrelated to our church are involved in helping children in orphanages and bringing hope to suicidal tsunami victims.

Mr. Kato is in charge of organizing all Unification Church volunteer work in the tsunami-hit area. Groups of our members go to these sites consistently. During the summer, young people dedicate a week to volunteer in the Ishinomaki area. Because of the regular help offered by our members, the church has built a good reputation in those areas and with the on-site volunteers.

Visiting the Ishinomaki memorial for those who died in the tsunami was another experience that left a deep impression on me. We went with a few Japanese CARP members that had taken part in the volunteer work. We sang a few songs and then prayed. Almost everyone was in tears. We could only begin to understand a small portion of the suffering that the Japanese people had to go through. GPA and Japanese CARP members shedding tears together for Japan was beautiful. I hugged a few of the Japanese and said a few words of encouragement. They responded with that warm Japanese smile. I sensed that God felt comforted and felt hope from that smile. Some Japanese later said that seeing us share their sorrow as family members was a touching and healing experience for them. I felt grateful to the Japanese members for all they have done for our church and once again admired their strong faith and amazing efforts.

We went to the Sendai³ church and our members welcomed us warmly. I realized through speaking to second-generation members there just how little freedom there is in Japan. Most university students in Japan hide the fact that they are our church members. They live in fear of being discovered and persecuted or even kicked out of school. That is hard to believe, given that the Japanese church is always growing. One CARP member working with us was very careful not to appear in any photographs or video footage related to the church because this could ruin his chance of realizing his dream, which is to be hired by a company in Japan and eventually become that company's president. This made me grateful for the freedom we enjoy in Korea and the United States. Let us show gratitude by helping the Japanese in fighting against this discrimination. Let's demonstrate our strong support for them. We are

3 A major Japanese city greatly affected by the tsunami



A comeback! A year after the tsunami, remarkable progress has been made in the central populated areas to clear up the devastation. GPA supported this effort.

family. Isn't it natural for family members to help one another?

Lastly, we held a demonstration in Shibuya against the unjust abductions and confinement of Unification Church members in Japan. Through her work to canvass the support of U.S. legislators against these ongoing human rights violations, In-jin nim has set the example of caring for people beyond just our nation. Through GPA, which In-jin nim has also given much thought and support to, we wanted to show that same spirit. The GPA choir sang songs for an hour, and we held a banner proclaiming to the world that Japan must stop the unjust kidnappings and coercion of our members. Even now, some members are missing and are probably being detained against their will. I felt as if this were but a seed, a very small seed of what is to come. Let us continue giving our support. Motherland Japan, we love you! **TW**



Prayer at a makeshift memorial. The writing says "Fight on! Ishinomaki."

Unificationists around the World

What's happening in your nation? Please send photograph and an explanation of successful projects in your country or hometown to news@todaysworld.org.

New Zealand



A workshop for second-generation members was held at the Parnell church headquarters. We had two days of Divine Principle study with breaks for sports and other entertainment. The lectures included a forum discussion on the matching and blessing. A panel of parents answered questions that second-generation participants had submitted. The second part of the workshop was two days of camping at Raglan, a famous surfing beach two hours drive south of Auckland. Aside from the quality presentations by several senior lecturers, and the outdoor adventure experience, it was an opportunity for second-generation members to make lasting friendships.

Guyana



The prime minister of Guyana, Samuel Hinds, visited our church headquarters' chapel twice in 2011—once for the fortieth anniversary of our church founding in Guyana on May 1, which is Labor Day, when political leaders usually address thousands of workers at major venues. He attended our service before speaking at the largest rally. He also attended our two-and-a-half-hour International Day of Peace Program on September 21. He gave the concluding speech based on the UN's official theme for this year's Day of Peace. Afterward, Prime Minister Hinds took photographs with newly appointed ambassadors for peace and other guests, and joined in several discussions.

Samuel Hinds: Prime minister (1992–March 1997); president of Guyana (March–December 1997); prime minister (December 1997–August 9, 1999) and (August 11, 1999–the present) Right: Guyana church national leader Ronald McGarrell, at far right

Nepal

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Left: Dr. Robert Kittel (UPF-Asia education director), Dr. Chung-sik Yong (UPF-Asia regional president), prime minister Dr. Baburam Bhattarai, church national leader Ek Nath Dhakal, and assistant national leader Binod Dangi in the prime minister's office last September, the month after the prime minister's election. **Right:** Dr. Ram Baran Yadav, elected by Nepal's Constituent Assembly as Nepal's first president in July 2008, receives a medal (and a kiss) from the Little Angels in Nepal, on February 21.

Ecuador

Photos courtesy of the Unification Church-Ecuador



We held meetings for tribal messiahs on the Sunday afternoons, December 3 and January 15, at our headquarters church in Quito. The first part was a joyful lunch together, where members expressed the feeling that if we could gather even a little more power, we could achieve better results. Afterward, members shared testimonies and guidelines about how to teach an outline of the Divine Principle in a short time. We held a two-day Divine Principle seminar on January 15 and 16 for new guests. Twelve guests attended. We will hold a workshop of this type each month.

Czech Republic

Our sister Marcela Rozenhalová was invited to speak on Czech television several times, based on her work with children with difficulties. She testifies:

The atmosphere was very pleasant and open and I felt free to speak. The first time, I spoke about character education, the need for marriage and parenthood preparation, reconciliation, solving resentments and principles of true, unconditional love. The second time, I spoke about lineage and inheritance from ancestors, and the three most serious problems—the misuse of love, the misuse of public money and power, and hurting other people.

Of her TV appearances, Marcela said, "I believe this is a way we can approach many people in society."



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WCSF 2012 Gain-Abel Won-gu Peace Cup Cosmic Harmony Tournament

