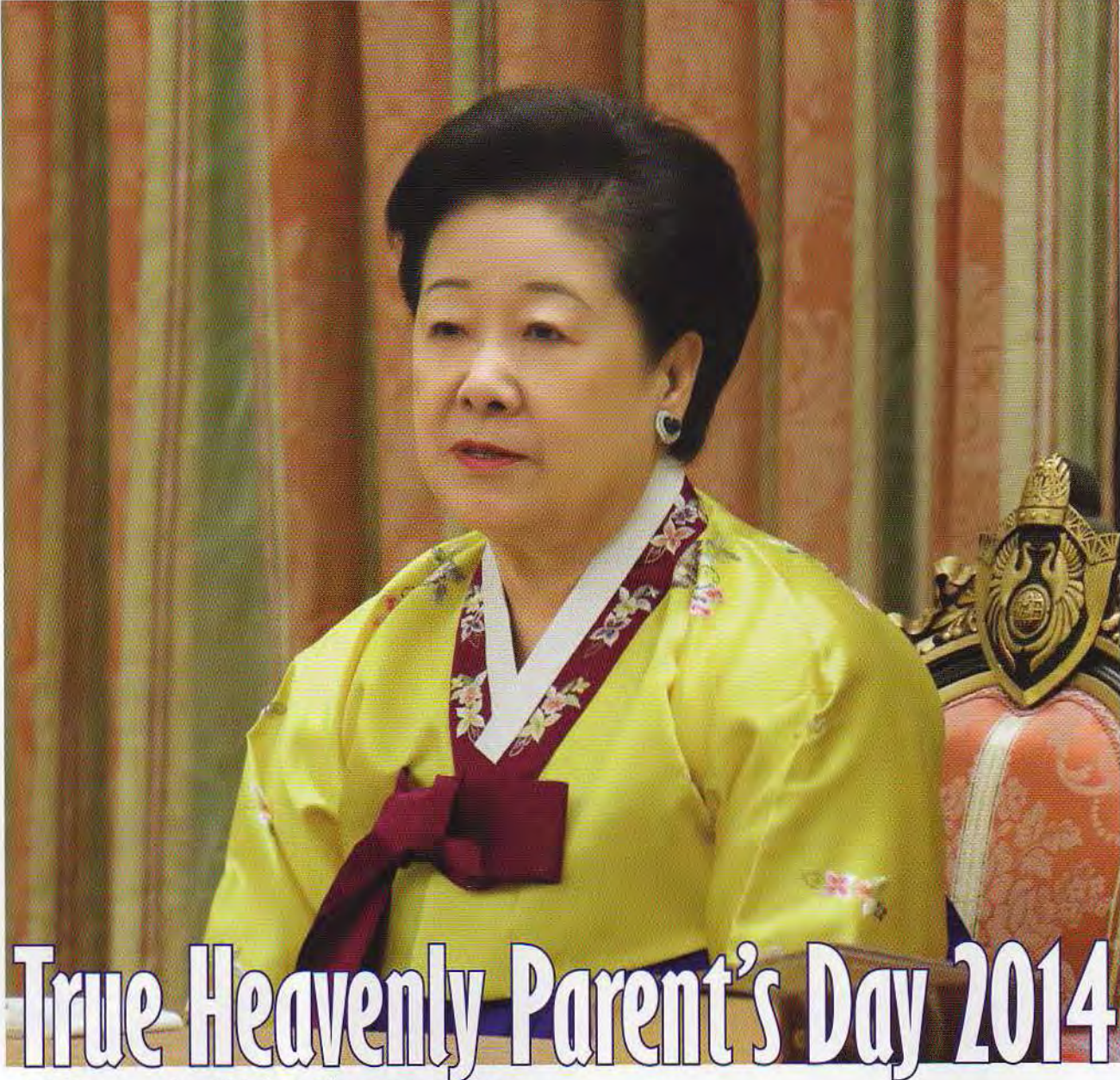


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1.1 (January 31, 2014) at Cheon Jeong Gung

Did you live befittingly today? I hope you conducted some introspection and that this new year of the horse brings about greater results than in the past. Especially, many of our elder thirty-six-couple members have come here today. Furthermore, we are also living at a time when we must prepare for the new world. I must also make many preparations because the life ahead of me is shorter than the life I have lived until now. The thirty-six couples need to seriously consider this point. Is that right or not? You became the first ancestors of blessed families after six thousand years, thanks to True Parents. If you think you have not been able to attain value as those ancestor and have not become noble families, you must do your very best in your last remaining years. Don't you have to become people who can live up to the blessings Heaven bestowed upon you in order to have something to say at least? Isn't that right?

Father explained to us about the three stages of life. All people spend ten months within a mother's womb,¹ and then some live up to a hundred years on earth (though others don't) and finally all go to the eternal world. Life on earth is a preparatory process to enter the eternal world and enjoy freedom and happiness there. You have all received immense blessings through True Parents. What should you do about these blessings? Your future descendants should be able to remember you as great ancestors that worked alongside the True Parents and as ancestors that are recognized by True Parents. We should be able to raise future descendants that can say that. Yet, we realize that our elders have not been able to do so and that they do not have much time left. The more we think about it, the more we must invest more effort. Do you understand?

Hence, please become noble families. Only by doing so, can you confidently greet True Father and tell him how you lived on earth when you meet him in the spiritual world. Otherwise, you may end up hiding. We should not become such people. Don't you agree? With this, I sincerely hope that you do your best and remain in good health. **TW**

¹ A normal pregnancy last 280 day (forty weeks) from the woman's last menstrual period. In the lunar calendar Korea uses, each month has twenty-eight days.

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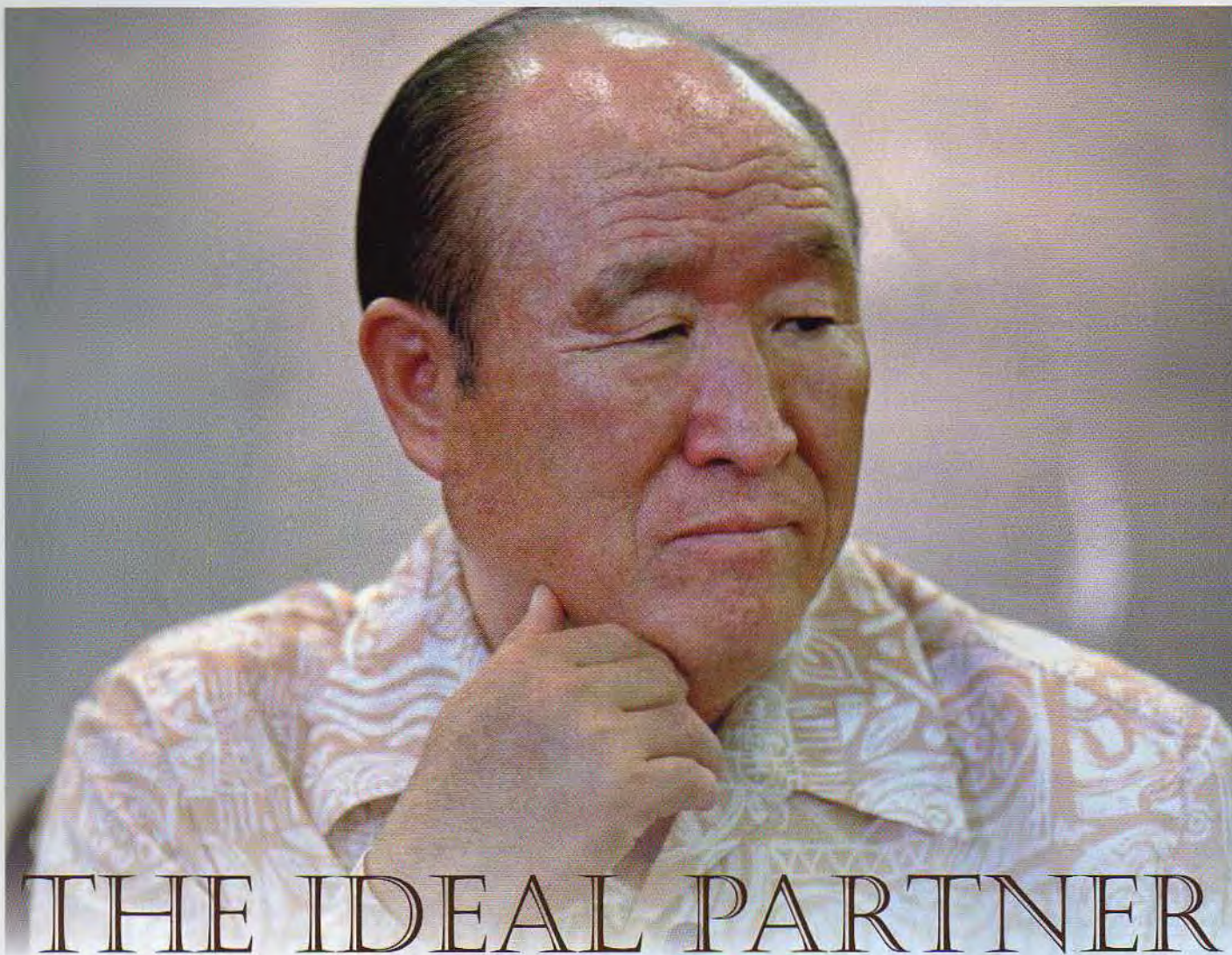
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THE IDEAL PARTNER

True Father gave this sermon at what was then the headquarters church in Korea on October 16, 1967. It was a Monday. He was speaking to matching candidates.

No matter how hard human beings pursue the ideal, they cannot find it without God. Hence, the term "ideal" is one that begins from God. When you refer to an ideal partner, what do you mean by that? You would probably say, If you and I like each other, we are ideal partners. Wouldn't you say that? That is not an ideal partner. God must be present. God would tell man A and woman B, I cannot live without you. I desire that you love and like each other. I hope that you can like each other more than I like you.

Only when this happens, does one become an ideal partner to God. Simply put, a person that can set this standard is an ideal partner. Do you understand? Being good-looking is not ideal; nor is succeeding in society after getting a master's or doctorate degree ideal. People that love each other, from a position that God can like, are ideal partners.

What, then, should you do to become a partner that is in a position God likes? What are the things that should take place for God to like you? How can one become a partner that God likes?

God has been relating to the fallen world until now. In other words, God has been enduring the historical progress of the fallen world while holding on to his hope of an ideal world.

However, God cannot realize this ideal by himself. Simply put, God cannot restore the ideal world without passing through the gateway of human beings, which are in the position of his ideal partners. God must pass through the gate of his ideal partners. God must be able to pass through the gate of an ideal partner that he can like.

For God to pass through the door of the ideal partner, the subjective, internal nature and the objective, external form must all exist within that ideal. The subjective, internal nature is male while the objective, external form of the male is female. However, when passing through the door of the ideal partner, one cannot pass through it all at once. The logic of

heaven and earth does not come out all at once. Even when giving birth, the baby does not come out all at once. Even if you give birth to twins, they are different from one another. The directions are different. That is why the history of restoration until now has been about first looking for a man that is an ideal subject. Hence, we can say that the pursuit of the six-thousand-year history, what was being sought, was Adam, one person, alone.

History tried to look for Adam alone but could not find such a being until now. Heaven has been looking for a man whom he could like the most, a man whom he could entrust everything to, a man that can understand the entire circumstance of God Almighty, a man that can make the heart of God, which is hidden inside, overflow by more than 100 percent, a man that can become his substantial son. Not being able to set up such a man has been the source of God's deepest sorrow.

Therefore, the history of restoration has pursued such a man; a man with all the aspects of the ideal man God had internally constructed and a man that God can like. Until that ideal man is found, the ideal woman cannot be found. Hence, what has history been looking for throughout these six thousand years? This one man.

How hard has God worked to find this one man? His work did not only last for one or two days. Nor did he work for only a year or for a hundred years. It took him thousands of years. How desperately did God long for this one man as the thousands of years passed by? How anxiously did he wait for this one man? How often would he have called this one man? Internally, he probably called this man dozens of millions of times. How strong was his desire to love this man? Imagine how much God has longed to live with this one man and share

love with this person.

The internal mission of God's son

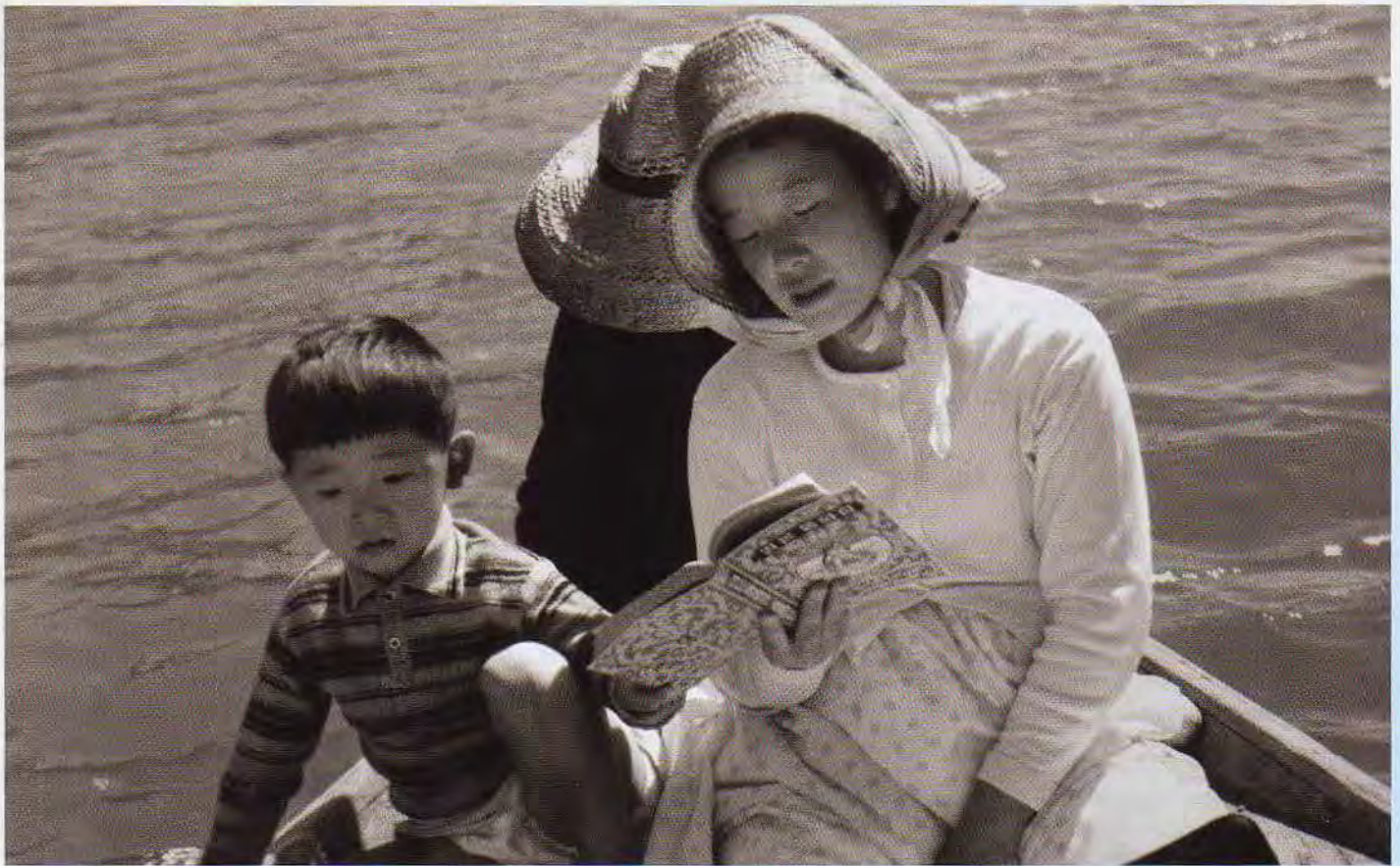
Think about this please. If we are to talk in terms of quantity, it must be of a quantity some of which will remain even after completely filling the world and the universe. Under these internal circumstance God has been longing for this one man, thinking about him and wanting to love him. Wouldn't God do that? Think about whether God would do that or not. Would he or not? What do you think?

Let us say that a man is born on earth as a son with these qualities. What should this man do from God's perspective? This man should be able to long for God to the same extent that God has yearned for him. The man must be able to be joyful and to yearn for God to the extent that had God longed for him. In addition, he should be able to fight with a strong desire to love God back to the extent to which God had wanted to love this man.

From God's perspective, the past was supposed to be ideal; however because of the Fall.... Hence, one must be able to connect with the deep heart of God, who has been looking for a son to whom he can say, Throughout fallen history, there was no one that was like you at any time nor was there someone who had the aspects I have been looking for.... You are the partner I have been without for six thousand years. I can set you in front of Adam's family and boast of you in front of Adam. I can set you up in front of Noah's family and boast of you in front of Noah. I can set you up in front of Abraham's family and boast of you in front of Abraham. I can boast of you in front of Jesus. You have no shortcomings. You are fully qualified to be boasted of in front of all people during the his-



August 10, 1967, at the welcome home celebration after True Parents returned from the second world tour



In the summer of 1967, True Mother reading to Hyo-jin nim while on a fishing boat

toric Last Days of humanity. My son!

Has the son been found?

Now, has such a son been on earth until now? You have not thought of this. As the subject, such an ideal man should be able to completely clear away the sorrow and bitterness within God's heart; centered on God's hopeful circumstances and deep heart, the son and the father should be able to embrace each other 100 percent, become one and love each other. Who is the person in whom dwells God's hope to find this ideal and in whom such love can remain? It is the Messiah, whom humanity longs for, isn't it? Isn't that true?

There is a story that is thousands of years old, tangled within the period until the Messiah appeared; a story and a resentment that is tens of thousands of years old. Tangled within the eternal sorrow of God's heart, our Heavenly Father's heart has been a longing to see the ideal son appear as a stimulant of new hope, which clears away all sorrow and resentment and makes walking with great hopeful strides toward a new heaven and earth possible. God, therefore, sent the Messiah to take on this responsibility.

To meet the Messiah that God sent

Then what does humanity need to do to welcome the Messiah? It is important to understand God's deep heart. It is an unavoidable, absolute necessity to understand these three aspects—God's deep heart, God's circumstances and God's hope. That is why our Unification Church teaches about them.

Not only does God love him but this person has also been able to establish relationships with all God's relative circumstances. Hence, were God to actually see this person, God would boast that there are no elements of accusation, none. He

would boast that the son is focus of his deepest love, the source of his deepest hope, the most crucial condition to his happiness. If God were to lose the universe for having him, he would still be grateful. The joyful garden of love begins only from this kind of heart.

Then when the Messiah emerges on earth... Being among those believers that have kept their faith to welcome the Messiah, is there anyone here that has longed for the Messiah or offered conditions for him equipped with these aspects, from this standpoint? There has been no one.

Our young brothers and sisters of the Unification Church who work in the provinces will have experienced this when they go to work. As blessing candidates, they probably faced a lot of commotion as they tried to witness to people. If people were to ask them, Why are you doing this? They would reply, Our teacher told us to do this as conditions to receive the blessing. We are doing this to set conditions for the blessing. Most people think in this way.

The blessing is precious. It is precious indeed. We should be able to offer this precious blessing to God; a promise that we will live for the sake of God and advance because God dwells within this blessing. A divine base of restoration through which the grieving historical heart of God can be liberated can be formed through the blessing.

As I just mentioned, when you come out from a place of hope in such a position and with a deep heart, you must be able to feel the need for preparation.

What we must do

The creation and humanity were lost as a result of Adam's Fall. Heaven and earth were lost. Since the path we are following cannot unfold without indemnifying all these conditions, we

naturally have to shoulder these conditions. We must overcome these circumstances. You must push yourselves, respond to God's orders on the Korean Peninsula and be able to do anything for it. If you were born a woman, you must have the determination to do everything including what women cannot do. In the same way, if you were born a man, you must be determined to do everything including the things men cannot do. With that determination, you should be grateful saying, I sincerely offer my gratitude to God for setting me up through these conditions even though I am inadequate. You must then prepare for this path as you sing on the base of a thousand-year-old deep heart. If you do not become such people today....

The necessary woman

Let us set this aside and talk about the ideal partner. A man, like the one I described before, must become one with God. This man must then be able to find a relative being that can represent God's deep heart, the earth and be a partner with whom the man can discuss Heaven's circumstances. In other words, Jesus had to find his bride on earth.

What kind of bride should this bride be? She needs to be a partner that has embraced such circumstances. She needs to be a partner that knows how to answer when called, how to discuss any topic in diverse ways when her opinions are sought, how to comply to a request while providing her support; with all these qualities she becomes the bride. Even though Jesus came on the foundation that Israel had prepared for four thousand years, he could not find a bride with these qualities. A bride of this type could not be found amidst the nation of Israel, amidst Judaism, among his relatives, or in any other place. As a result, not finding a bride and not being able to achieve God's will became Jesus' fate. This is what happened.

What this means for you

What should we reflect on here? Jesus came to earth, left a red heart and passed away. He was unable to undo God's circum-

stances; instead, they became further entangled. God's deep heart of hope was deeply hurt again. Jesus' death aggravated his already sorrowful heart. When we consider this, we cannot avoid the conclusion that we must liberate all of God's heart.

Then what about the man? The man must become such a man. What about the woman? The woman must become such a bride. If you are born a man, you must be able to say, I am confident that I am absolutely that sort of man. If you are born a woman, you must be able to become a bride who can take the initiative to fight and come forward saying, Going beyond the people and beyond denominations, I am the substantial embodiment of the hope that Jesus longed for and wanted to look for; I am qualified and have no shortcomings. I will follow any path he desires me to, even if it is filled with all manner of suffering or is a path of death filled with millions of hills that I must overcome.

We should clearly understand how Jesus lost on the cross. When we think about it, women should have such hearts and men should also have the same heart. Our Unification Church should have such a heart. I also have such a heart. Regarding the path of restoration through indemnity, I have to follow a thorny path as a pioneer to the door of the ideal partner. Until I surpass the standard of the people, I cannot pass through the door of liberation. This is a resulting fact, from the point of view of the Divine Principle.

What I required in my bride

That is why I have fought until now. This year is the last one of the twenty-one-year indemnity course that I have carefully followed. Within this process, I did not look for the most beautiful girl in the world as my ideal partner. Since the path ahead is difficult, I needed a person that could follow this thorny path with perseverance and patience. Instead of a wife that regarded the husband's position and the wife's position as equal, I needed a wife that could say, It is right for me to absolutely obey millions of times over and be dragged millions of times. I will follow my one and only husband everywhere he goes. I

needed a wife that possessed the determination to go through everything, whether it be 100 percent good or bad with a heart of gratitude.

What kind of person is this woman? She is not a person that possesses everything or one that is as learned as everyone else. The bride had to be chosen from a type that is lacking. This is the very first condition that must be set in order to travel on this path safely.

You will probably experience many hardships on your path for God's will. There will be many hardships. Even if we have gone through all storms related to our church, you still need to settle everything left behind by your ancestors once more; hence, your tribal affiliation will decide the destined path that you will take. **TW**



True Father with his ideal partner in 1967, the year he gave this speech.



Cheon Il Guk Absolute Matching 2014

Why did you all come here today? Yes? Why are you here? Did you come to receive the blessing? [Yes] If you receive the blessing, you must take responsibility for it. What do you think? Responsibility.... Are you confident you can do it? [Yes!] Those who are not confident might give up.

I heard that all of you here came for the absolute matching. Experiences until now and history show that these matchings have not been all 100 percent put into practice. Surveys backing this up have also come out. At this point of the Cheon Il Guk era, when the new us must weave history, I particularly do not want to match those who lightly think of the blessing issue.

Since Adam and Eve fell, how is the world still today? What is happening to the world? When each one of you here receives the blessing, you should be able to show the world what the blessing is like. You should be able to boast about it. We have been bestowed with the grace of the blessing thanks to True Parents because it is a term that cannot come from fallen people. Simply put, all families that have partaken in this blessing are indebted to Heaven and to True Parents.

Unfortunately, blessed families have not been able to fulfill their responsibility and duty and have been self-centered. Originally, we were to expand the way to the kingdom of God on earth, the ideal world that Heaven wants and humanity hopes for, but we are becoming obstacles instead.

After True Father ascended, regarding the blessing issue.... True Father allowed parents to conduct matchings. He allowed parents to match their children in accordance with the conditions set by the church or headquarters. That is why I allowed it too. Parents must take responsibility over this and ensure that blessed families can be established in front of Heaven for eternity.

I can no longer report to Heaven about those receiving the blessing in the name True Parents that later break up. Do you understand what I am saying?

You all came here, desiring to receive the absolute matching. I will not force anything on you. Now, you... The couples that will be matched today are to go together for eternity. You should take responsibility and develop, grow. I am saying that you should be able to create a better environment centered on your family. Do you understand?

Please think of the flood during Noah's time. Is the ocean larger or is a mountain larger? [The ocean is larger.]

You will all probably want a partner who has a heart as wide as the ocean, right? [Yes.] It is the same for your partner. This is the most important teaching among True Father's teachings—true love. In light of that, how did True Father say we should act for it to be true love? It is love for others, continuously giving and forgetting, a love that lives for the sake of others, a true love that exists for the sake of others. You must live this way and show the world. Last year and the year before that, news about second-generation children in England was reported across the nation. Several nations in Europe gave reports on our Blessing

Ceremony. This year, the United States will pay attention to our Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony. Chairman Kim, did you say ABC? [Yes]

I heard that ABC, a famous broadcasting company in the United States, is scheduled to come to cover our Blessing Ceremony.

Until now, you grew up under the protection of your parents, church and surroundings; however, once you are in the position of having received the blessing, the two of you have the responsibility to become one and advance together. Do you understand?

All of you participating in this blessing must not lightly think of it; the decision you make now is to last for eternity—eternity. Do you understand? [Yes!]

Did twenty-year-olds also come? [Candidates are from twenty-one or twenty-two years old.]

Who is the oldest among the male candidates? [He is thirty years old.]

Thirty years old? Please come forward. **TW**



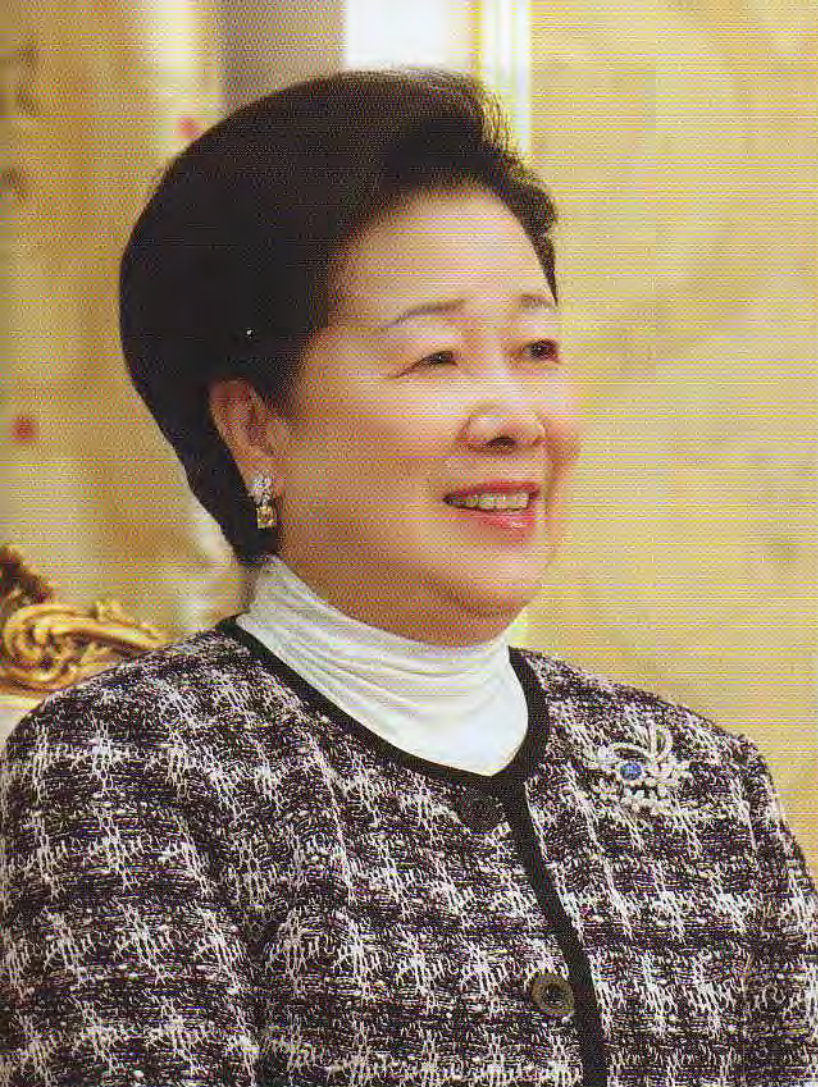
Road Map to Inter-Korean Peace and Northeast Asia

February 10, at the National Assembly



From left: Christopher R. Hill, United States ambassador to Korea 2004–2005 and chief negotiator at the Six-Party Talks with North Korea over its nuclear program; Yun Jeong-rho, president of UPF Korea; Kim Eul-dong National Assembly Member (New Frontier Party); and Yang Chang-shik, chairman of UPF International; in the Republic of Korea National Assembly Building, where Ambassador Hill gave a lecture to an audience that included twenty-three legislators.





Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation Scholarship Presentation Ceremony

This was True Mother's message to 2014 scholarship recipients on 1.10 (February 9) at Cheon Jeong Gung.

Everyone here today is an important guest. A new day, Foundation Day in the second year of Cheon Il Guk, has dawned. I would like to express my gratitude to all the distinguished guests from home and abroad and our beloved members that have contributed to the development of the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation in different respects. I would particularly like to thank National Assembly Member Kim Eul-dong, who always stays by my side with a heart of love and encouragement. I would also like to thank the chairman, Dr. Kim Min-ha, for his dedication and commitment toward the development of the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation for the past year.

This occurred to me while watching the opening ceremony of the Sochi Winter Olympics a few days ago. For Russia, a nation raised within the Christian realm, to become what it is today, it left a history that is opposite to that of its original direction. As I watched the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics, all nations desired development centered on one's own nation. It is also true that they have sought goodness. Why has human history had so many ups and downs?

While watching, I wondered what would have happened had those people met centered on True Parents. We must attend God, our Creator throughout our lives. Yet, when we look back at history, this has not been easy. Thus, the long providence became inevitable. The beginning and end of our Almighty God must be the same. Why, then, has it taken such a long time? That is because man has responsibilities.

Even though the history of humanity's existence has been long, none could go to Heaven because the key problem could not be resolved. However, all of you who have come here today know True Parents. You could learn that the basis to the kingdom of heaven is families established through True Parents. Christian churches say that you will go to Paradise if you believe in Jesus. We, however, believe it to be a place to which parents and siblings go together. True Parents are the ones that resolved this problem and showed us the way.

Without knowing True Parents, realizing your dream of one world is far-fetched. Our dream is approaching us realistically. We know the highway to one world because we have attended True Parents. What do you think will happen to this nation and the world in ten years?

Was there any nation that recognized the Republic of Korea years ago? Korea is indebted to Heaven for its rapid



growth. For every single one of you, putting beliefs into practice is important. Will you do that? You can become the owners of history through ownership and parental heart. That is why True Parents will raise the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation to a greater level. It will become an organization from which all humanity can benefit. However, do you think I can achieve this all by myself? I believe that we should all join hands and move forward together. I hope you can partake in this and invest everything in your capability toward the fostering of future leaders within this society and neighboring nations.

The Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation will continue its work to establish the Seonhak Prize, a prize that could greatly surpass the Nobel Prize. As a group that works for the will of Heaven and peace for humanity instead of the honor of an individual or group, the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation will come to be in a historic position.

I would like to conclude my message with the hope that you all greatly contribute to all projects under the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation, become partners and participants in its great vision and work hard, thereby being in precious positions that can remain through history. **TW**



Dr. Kim Min-ha, chairman of the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation board of directors, Kim Eul-dong, Korean National Assembly Member and Dr. Kim Man-ho, secretary-general of the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation addressed the recipients.

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Adding Fuel to the Determination to Succeed

The Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation has presented scholarships to 1,500 youth and young adults from many nations. Eight hundred participants, including the four hundred Korean scholarship recipients, fifty of the 1,100 overseas scholarship recipients and prominent guests partook in the second Scholarship Presentation Ceremony and the second Service Award Ceremony at Cheon Jeong Gung Museum on February 9 at 2 PM.

In 2013, the foundation presented around four billion won in scholarships to the first round of recipients, which included seven hundred high school and university students in various nations. The scope of the 2014 scholarship project expanded to also benefit middle school students and graduate school students. The monetary scale of the scholarship also rose greatly—a total of ten billion won was disbursed.

Extensive scholarships

The second Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation scholarship recipient group comprises students from Korea and fifty-three other nations. The university and graduate students from abroad, in particular, are not only receiving diverse academic support through the scholarship aid but have also been given the opportunity to come to Korea, learn Korean culture and develop into talented national-level leaders with global influence. Sun Moon University has taken responsibility for the education of these students.

Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation is taking an active role in raising leaders by selecting forty outstanding graduate students from nations around the world each year and completely covering their tuition fees and living costs.

Recognizing service

The second Wonmo Pyeongae Service Award was presented to five individuals and five groups. In the group category, the foundation recognized the Seoul Multicultural Families Association for its dedication to the education of children from multicultural families. It lauded the One Love Woman's Group, which is made up of women who immigrated to Korea

through marriage, for its service toward the development of local communities and aid for unfortunate neighbors. The Yeongdeungpo Peace Service Corps received the service award for providing continuous aid to unfortunate neighbors in local communities and for beautifying the local community environment. The Chungbuk Multicultural Forum, which is a central group to multicultural families, is a 2014 service award recipient in recognition of its various educational support projects for children whose parents are from different cultural backgrounds; the Multicultural Forum's work involved holding cultural classes and giving scholarships to other social groups. The Cherry One Association's service in local community facilities for over ten years was what motivated the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation to present this group with a service award. Japanese wives living in Korea are the driving force behind the Cherry One Association.

The individual awardees were Mr. Kim Min-chang, Mr. Kim Sang-gyun, Mr. Yang Nyeon-ju, Mr. O Jang-jin and Mr. Lee Dong-gyu. The Wonmo Pyeongae selected them to acknowledge their service toward the public interest and local society for more than ten years.

True Mother's support and vision

Dr. Hak-ja Han Moon, founder of Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation, promised to expand further the scale of the scholarship project worldwide and spoke about ongoing efforts to establish an international peace prize to commemorate the peace ideology of Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Chairman Kim Min-ha of the foundation asked all the scholarship recipients to dream bigger, realize their dreams and to dedicate themselves to the realization of global peace. Kim Eul-dong, a female member of the National Assembly, gave a congratulatory address, expressing her hope that the scholarship project, the project to contribute to society and the commemorative project enjoy even more success. *YW*

This article first appeared in Korean on the Wonmo Pyeongae web site.



International Leadership Conference 2014:

A New Paradigm for Peace, Partnership, and Development



Julia Moon read True Mother's Address at the UPF International Leadership Conference Opening Plenary, on 1.11 (February 10)

Thank you for participating in this very important International Leadership Conference in honor of Foundation Day, which we will celebrate on February 12. As you know, foundations are extremely important. Architects and engineers know this very well, as do scientists, philosophers and any systematic thinker. Likewise, the foundation of relationships is extremely important. If we build on weak or insecure foundations, serious problems inevitably follow. This principle applies to everything we do.

My beloved husband, Dr. Sun Myung Moon, devoted his entire life of ninety-two years to establishing a secure foundation for a world of lasting peace. He worked tirelessly for this goal and endured and overcame all manner of resistance and persecution. Yet he was not deterred. Each and every day, I give thanks to God, our Heavenly Parent, that my husband fulfilled his mission and that we can build on the foundation he established.

He understood that the ultimate foundation for a world of peace is God, our Heavenly Parent. Alignment with our Heavenly Parent's will is the foundation of peace. No matter what obstacles stand in our way, those who secure their foundation in God, our Heavenly Parent, will develop the capacity to open the way to a world of peace.

Among the significant figures at UPF's International Leadership Conference this year were (seated beside Julia Moon) Margareta Timofti, wife of the president of Moldova (left) and Touré Lobbo Traoré, wife of the president of Mali.





Although my husband, True Father, passed away to the heavenly realm in 2012, not a day goes by when I do not feel his warm presence and loving guidance. Even though he is in the spiritual world and I am here on earth, the position of the True Parents is unshakable.

For more than fifty years, I stood by his side as he lived every moment of his life with an intense awareness of not only human suffering, but of God's own suffering course. He wanted nothing more than to liberate the suffering heart of our Heavenly Parent and the suffering hearts of all human beings. That was his mission. This is the mission of the True Parents.

More than anyone, our Heavenly Parent longs for joy, harmony and lasting peace for all his children, the whole human family. However, those hopes were dashed due to the Fall, which resulted in the tragic history of human selfishness and conflict that has continued until today.

As I look at our world today, I, too, can feel the pain that God must feel as he witnesses the ignorance, selfishness and sinfulness of human beings. It is especially painful for our Heavenly Parent to witness the degradation of marriage and family life, because the family was created to be the sacred and holy cornerstone of God's original ideal. God, our Heavenly Parent, created the world with a clear ideal in mind. At the

very center of this ideal was the parent-child relationship, rooted in filial piety. If we consider the biblical story of the Fall of Adam and Eve, we can understand that the root cause of the Fall was the failure of Adam and Eve, as well as the Archangel, to maintain absolute faith, love and obedience toward their Heavenly Parent, God. Their faithlessness undermined God's ideal based on true love in the first marriage and the first family. This reality affected Adam and Eve's relationship to each other as man and woman and their relationship to their children, giving rise to the long-standing historical pattern of Cain and Abel division that has plagued humanity up until the present time. As you recall, the first murder occurred within the first family, as the older brother, Cain, killed the younger brother, Abel, who had stood on God's side. For this reason, my husband consistently taught of the absolute centrality of both filial piety and true love in our life of faith. Only in this way can we reverse the effects of the Fall.

The one, unifying purpose and goal of our worldwide movement is to establish a nation of peace. We call this nation Cheon Il Guk. This Korean word can be translated as a nation where two become one. In other words, Cheon Il Guk is a nation where resentments and divisions of every kind are healed and overcome, resulting in harmony, cooperation and



peace. The Foundation Day that we celebrate at this time is none other than the anniversary of the founding day of the nation of Cheon Il Guk, God's heavenly nation. Following Foundation Day 2013, I developed the 2020 Vision for expanding that ideal of Cheon Il Guk throughout the world. The sponsoring and partner organizations for this International Leadership Conference are the Universal Peace Federation, the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the *Segye Times* and the Washington Times Foundation. Each of these organizations dedicates itself to playing a significant role in God's providence.

My beloved husband, True Father, understood peace as a profoundly spiritual concept. Whenever he spoke, he shared an inspiring vision of the human family rising together in love, and overcoming the barriers of nationality, race and religion. He taught that peace describes a state of spiritual and physical harmony—an ideal state of being for the individual, the family, the society, the nation and the world. Whenever he used the word "peace," he always thought primarily of God's heart and God's providence.

I encourage you to study my husband's teachings. If you study carefully, you will come to understand the way in which God works in history. His teachings provide a road map to peace, one that helps us understand the correct path that we should follow.

True peace begins with the attitude and practice of filial piety toward our Heavenly Parent. This basic virtue must then be combined with sexual purity before marriage and fidelity in marriage. Men and women are intended to live as equal and eternal love partners. The family is created by God as the school of love and peace.

This is why my husband and I, as the True Parents, initiated and performed holy weddings, known as Blessing Ceremonies, all over the world. The blessing is an affirmation of God's original ideal of true love and true family.

Throughout history, our Heavenly Parent has guided human beings through religion. At this time in history, lasting peace also requires harmony and cooperation among religions. Believers of all faith traditions should work together in love

and respect, for the sake of fulfilling our Heavenly Parent's will. As we stand in front of God, we are not evaluated by our title or the name of our religion, but by the quality of our hearts and by the quality of our efforts to serve God's providence.

I know that each of you has great responsibilities and great influence in your countries. I hope that you will take seriously what you learn over the course of the next several days and that you take this message back to your countries and to your people.

Let me then leave you with four recommendations that I hope you will affirm and put into practice:

- Please study the teachings of Father Moon, and come to understand the heart of our Heavenly Parent, the origin of life, of love and of all truth.
- Do your best to build a strong, stable and loving marriage as husband and wife and on that foundation dedicate yourselves fully to the care and education of your children.
- Apply the principle of living for the sake of others in all your endeavors, whether you are a government official, a religious leader, an educator, a media professional or an artist.
- Always be aware that your life on earth is temporary. After we complete our physical lives, we will ascend to the spiritual world. In that place, we are not measured by our wealth or power. We are measured simply by our capacity for true love and the extent to which we lived our lives on earth in service to God and humanity.

Please be assured that our representatives around the world stand ready to support and work with you in whatever way they can to advance the ideal of peace and human development in your nation. Let us work together to build ideal families and nations and let us join together as people, as nations, as religions and as families to create Cheon Il Guk, one family under God. Thank you and God bless you, your families and your nations. **TW**



First International Cheon Seong Gyeong Hoondok Contest and First International Divine Principle Lecture Contest



The First International Hoondok Contest was held at the Cheongshim Church, which is in the village that members pass through on the way to the Cheongpyeong training center, on 1.12 (February 11) at 1 PM. The jury comprised Prof. Thomas Hwang, a vice-president of FFWPU International, Rev. Lee Gi-seong, vice-president of FFWPU-Korea and Mr. Lee Yeong-gyun, director of the FFWPU-Korea Youth Department. Contestants each had to read for five minutes from the Korean version of the new *Cheon Seong Gyeong*. Some of the contestants have lived in Korea for some time. The jury assessed each contestant's attitude, how much they connected in heart with the material they were reading and their pronunciation and speed.

Ms. Onishi Kisaki from Japan: I am sincerely grateful to our True Parents for being able to participate in this contest. The reason I have studied Korean in my spare time was because I wanted to directly listen to True Parents' teachings. I was truly happy to be able to read the word in Korean through this precious *Cheon Seong Gyeong* hoondok contest. I will work hard to become a daughter of our Heavenly Parent by practicing true love.



The International Divine Principle Lecture Contest was held at the same church at 4 PM. A key requirement was that the lecture be given in the Korean language. The jury for this contest comprised Rev. Lee Gi-seong, vice-president of FFWPU-Korea, Kwun In-soung, regional president of Oceania, Pak Do-seon, a Divine Principle lecturer and Lee Yeong-gyun, the director of the FFWPU-Korea Youth Department.

Mr. Alexi Luis Ruiz Medina (South America): This was the first time I stood in front of people to give a Divine Principle lecture. It was not easy and I was very nervous; however, I came to feel many things through this experience. We only had a short time to prepare for the contest and I do not speak Korean well, but I am truly happy to have had this opportunity to come all the way here and present a lecture on True Parents' teachings. It was a good experience and now I feel a bit more confident that I can give a better Divine Principle lecture next time that the opportunity arises.

Citizens Intent on Korea's Reunification

The following article was provided by the Citizens' Federation.

The Citizens' Federation for the Unification of Korea hosted the 2014 Peace and Unification Rally for One Nation in preparation for the unification era. Another aim was the establishment of a foundation for peace and unification on the Korean peninsula. The rally was held at the Kim Ku Museum and Library convention hall on February 11, 2014. Around 1,300 guests including representatives of overseas Koreans from fifty nations and leaders of around a hundred major unification groups participated.

Unification is our fate

The Peace and Unification Rally was co-hosted by the Citizens' Federation and the National Assembly¹ research group Unification Future Forum. The Ministry of Unification, the National Unification Advisory Council and other groups sponsored it. Cho Myung-chul, a member of the National Assembly and a co-representative of Unification Future Forum gave the welcoming remarks, emphasizing, "If the underground resources of North Korea and the technology of South Korea are combined, Korea can become a power ranking fifth or seventh in the world instead of tenth." He also said, "It is time for citizens to take the lead and confidently work for unification."

Following this, Seol Yong-su, chairman of the Citizens' Federation asserted, "Unification is not a choice; it is fate. Unification brings about the completion of the nation and it is a starting point in becoming a developed nation." He appealed to participants saying, "Eighty million Koreans have the fateful mission to achieve unification. By bringing about a complete nation through peace and unification, let us expedite the era of a great leap of the Korean people."

Dr. Yang Chang-shik, chairman of Washington Times Foundation commended the Peace

¹ This is the name of the South Korean national legislature.

Clockwise from top right:
South Korean Minister of Unification Ryoo Kihl-jae, National Assemblyman Jo Myeong-cheol, Chu Seong-chun, an NGO head; Kwon Oh-sik, an NGO head residing the United States; Ku Mal-mo, an NGO head residing in Japan and Seol Yong-su, chairman of the Citizen's Federation



and Unification Rally for One Nation for including overseas Koreans in the event. He added, "Based on what Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak-ja Han Moon has said, the Washington Times Foundation and Koreans residing in the United States will work together to prepare for the era of unification."

Mr. Ryoo Kihl-jae, head of the Ministry of Unification, spoke on the direction to be taken in 2014 toward peace and unification. In the keynote address, Minister Ryoo said, "I am sincerely grateful to private groups such as the Citizens' Federation for the Unification of Korea for carrying on work that the government has not been able to do such as the 2014 Peace and Unification Rally for One Nation. I would like to particularly thank the Citizens' Federation for enabling overseas Koreans from around the world to meet within our homeland and to unify their passion and determination toward unification." He went on to say, "The Ministry of Unification plans to actively support civilian conducted efforts directed toward unification as in the case of today's event to unify the hearts and capacity of the eighty million people for the realization of one Korea."

In addition, he gave a general introduction on the directions the Ministry of Unification is going to take in 2014. "First of all," he said, "we plan to make North Korea give up on its pursuit of nuclear weapons and then start cooperation that will lead to a good structure or mutual trust. Second, we plan to share the vision of unification with surrounding powers and actively let them know that the reunification of Korea on the peninsula would actually contribute to the prosperity of not only North Korea and South Korea but also that of Northeast Asia and the world. Third, we will stimulate the citizens' hearts toward unification and enable them to take interest and feel passion toward unification with open minds."

Overseas Koreans on unification

Following the keynote address of the Minister of Unification, overseas Korean representatives from fifty nations and around a hundred unification groups partook in a Ceremony Proclaiming a Vision of Peace and the Unification of One Nation.

First, three representatives of the group of fifty overseas Koreans, one each from United States, Japan and Malaysia, greeted the audience. Followed this was a pledge of resolution. Kwon Oh-shik, the American, is the executive director of the World Federation of the Korean Association of Commerce and

a member of the standing committee of the National Unification Advisory Council of the United States. He said, "Unification is not only a big successful event to Korea but also to overseas Koreans around the world. Korean quality, resulting from unification, will raise the status of overseas Koreans who in turn will invest in North Korea and thereby minimize economic side effects following unification." The Japanese participant, Mr. Ku Mal-mo, chairman of the South Jeolla Province Committee of Koreans Residing in Japan, expressed his determination saying, "Koreans residing in Japan have overcome a history of suffering so far and must carry out the ground-breaking work of unification. I will take the lead for the rest of my life in working to achieve peace and unification to ensure that we can freely meet our brothers and sisters and are free to go to our hometowns whenever we want."

Lastly, Ryu Jong-yong, advisor to the World Peace Parliamentary Union of the Malaysian National Assembly, who resides in Malaysia, said, "I will actively inform Malaysian congressmen of the importance of peace and unification on the Korean peninsula and will dedicate everything I have to obtain international support and cooperation from not only Malaysia but also from surrounding countries in the work of unifying the Koreans."

Hope for unity increases

After Chu Seong-chun, a member of the Citizens' Council on Preparation for Unification, led the Seoul Proclamation on the Vision of a Unified Era, everyone held hands and passionately sang the "Song of Unification" with the hope that Korea soon unifies.

Professor Yu Hak-hui of the Department of Police Administration in Wonkang University said, "I believe that this Peace and Unification Rally was one that showed the vision of the unification movement, which both the government and private groups must build on together.... As the Minister of Unification mentioned, today's rally did something the government has not been able to do. I feel hope in the Citizens' Federation as it works on building a growing model of the unification movement centered on the citizens."

Based on this Peace and Unification Rally for One Nation, the Citizens' Federation and the Unification Future Forum plan to carry out earnest activities to prepare for an era centered on citizens and focused on reunification. **9W**



True Mother's Message to the Segye Times on their 25TH Anniversary

Rev. Kim Young-hwi read True Mother's message during the celebration, which was held on 1.12 (February 11) at the Conrad Hotel on Yeouido Island, Seoul.

I would sincerely like to congratulate the *Segye Times* on its twenty-fifth anniversary and welcome all the distinguished guests here today. Using an analogy on human age, one could say that the *Segye Times* turned into a decent, twenty-five-year-old youth before we even knew it. Having overcome hurdles—large and small alike—to this point, emotions fill my heart to stand here today as its cofounder, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the *Segye Times* with you all. I would like to sincerely thank all readers, advertisers and leaders from all walks of life here today for the love and support you have given the *Segye Times* for the past twenty-five years.

In February 1989, Rev. Sun Myung Moon founded the *Segye Times* and gave it the founding ideals of Love God, Love Humanity and Love the Nation. He meant love for Heaven, love for the people and for the nation. Based on this founding spirit, Rev. Moon asked the *Segye Times* to fulfill its mission of achieving unification and peace on the Korean peninsula as a “political newspaper striving for the reunification of the homeland—an educational newspaper elevating the national spirit” and as a “guiding newspaper striving to realize a moral society” despite the reality of a divided Korea. He provided the *Segye Times* with his full support. This founding spirit will remain the unchanging goal and aim of the *Segye Times*. It is also the way to the realization of world peace, which Rev. Moon strived for throughout his life.

Taking the lead in realizing a world of peace and unification, the *Segye Times* should not limit its vision to Korea but should further expand it to the world as befits its name.¹ The *Segye Times*, in particular, is at an advantage regarding reporting and analyzing issues such as the reunification of Korean, peace in Northeast Asia, etc. compared to other domestic media outlets. Utilizing its global network to the full with sister media companies around the world, including the *Washington Times* and United Press International in the United States, *Sekai Nippo* in Japan and others, the *Segye Times* should be able to make greater contributions toward a better and stronger Korea or simply put, toward realizing a unified Korea.

Breaking away from the standpoint and logic by which powerful nations look at and analyze the world, the *Segye Times* has the mission to present and draw out a new perspective through which human beings can truly coexist in peace and prosperity. I hope the *Segye Times* becomes a newspaper that fully achieves this mission.

Even though realistic problems exist as a result of the fierce media market today, I hope the *Segye Times* raises its status to an even higher level as a quality newspaper that prioritizes impartial reporting and competitive content.

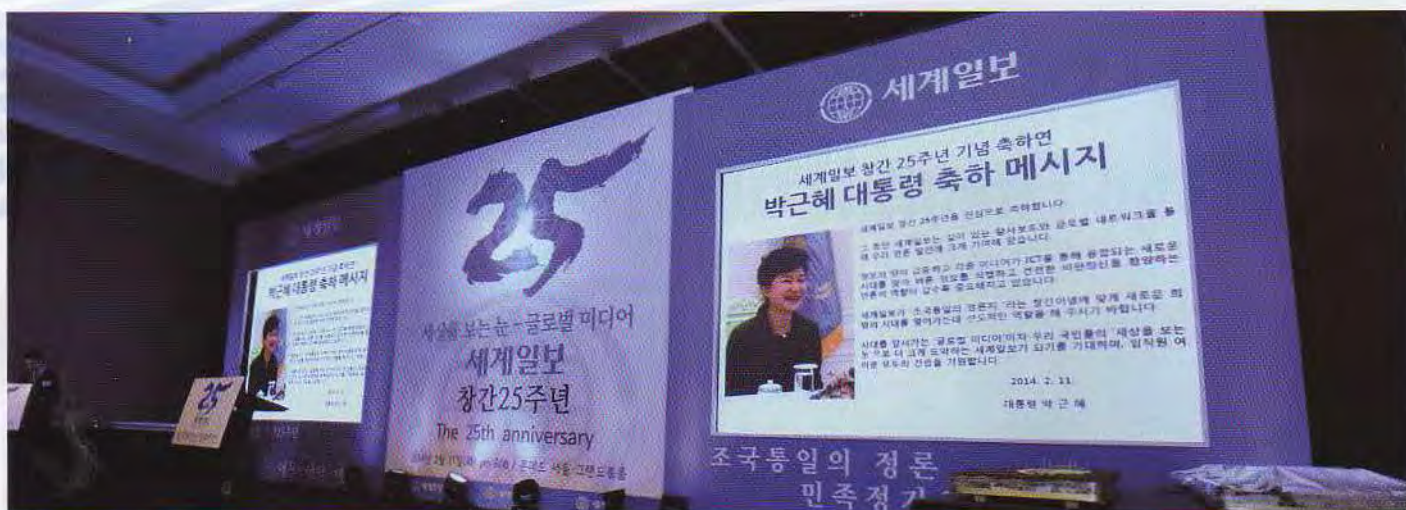
As a youth about to realize God's will and head toward the world, the *Segye Times* stands at a new starting point. If all members of the executive staff develop their caliber and morality with the clear vocation of a journalist and take the initiative in bringing change, the blessings of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents will always be with you.

I would like to congratulate you once again on this twenty-fifth anniversary and wish the *Segye Times* eternal development. Thank you. *TW*

¹ “Segye” is Korean for “world.”



From left: Honorary Chairman Kim Young-hwi, who read Mother's address; Mr. Cho Han-gyu, president of the *Segye Times* and Mr. Larry Beasley, president of the *Washington Times*. They were among the many speakers that helped celebrate a quarter century of quality news service.



Top: The congratulatory letter from Republic of Korea President Park Geun-hye (New Frontier Party) was read to the audience. **Middle from left:** Hwang Sun-jo, president, Sun Moon University; Moon Lan-young, president, WFWP International; Pak Dae-chul, National Assemblyman (NA) New Frontier Party; Choi Yeon-ah nim, vice-president, WFWP International; Pak No-hi, chairman, Tongil Group; Kang Eun-hee (NA) New Frontier Party; Min Hyeon-ju (NA) New Frontier Party; Hwang U-yeo (NA) New Frontier Party; Cho Han-gyu, president, *Segye Times*; Jeon Byeong-heon (NA) Democratic Party; Park Won-soon, Seoul mayor; Kim Young-hwi, honorary chairman, *Segye Times*; Ryu Kyeong-seuk, president, FFWPU Korea; Yanagimoto Takuji, vice-chairman, Japan-Korea Parliamentarians' Union; Han Jeong-ae, (NA) Democratic Party; Ho Joon-chyung (NA) Democratic Party; Larry Beasley, president, *Washington Times*; Yang Chang-shik, chairman, Universal Peace Federation International and Lt. Gen. Bernard S. Champoux, United States Eighth Army commander toast twenty five years of excellence.



Pledge Ceremony on the First Anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day

1.13 (February 12) at Cheon Jeong Gung



Choi Yeon-ah nim assisted True Mother in lighting the offering candles. Sun-jin nim, Kwon-jin nim and Ye-jin were among the group of True Family members that included many grandchildren and a great grandchild. That day, Mother said, "Do you remember the motto I gave you? Keep it in mind and do everything in your life centered on that." Rev. Kim Young-hwi read hoondokhae from the *Champumo Gyeong*, which was recently published in the Korean language.





Commemoration on the First Anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day and Presentation and Proclamation of the Cheon Il Guk Constitution

1.13 (February 12) at Cheongshim Peace World Center



Above: Presentation of *Champumo Gyeong* by Rev. Kim Young-hwi and Rev. Lee Jae-suk, the chairman and vice-chairman respectively of the Compilation Committee. Below: Presentation of the Cheon Il Guk Constitution by Hyo-jin nim's family, represented by his widow, Choi Yeon-ah nim (foreground) and Heung-jin nim's family, represented by Julia Moon (Hoon-sook nim) who was blessed to Heung-jin nim after his ascension.

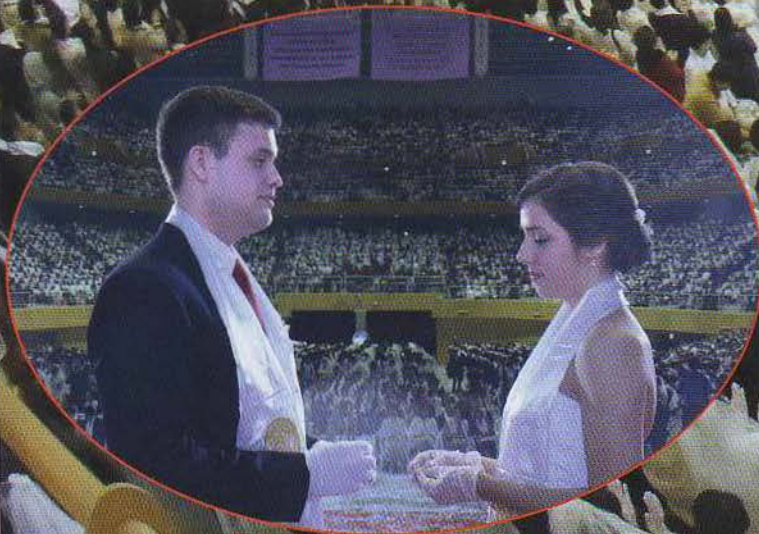
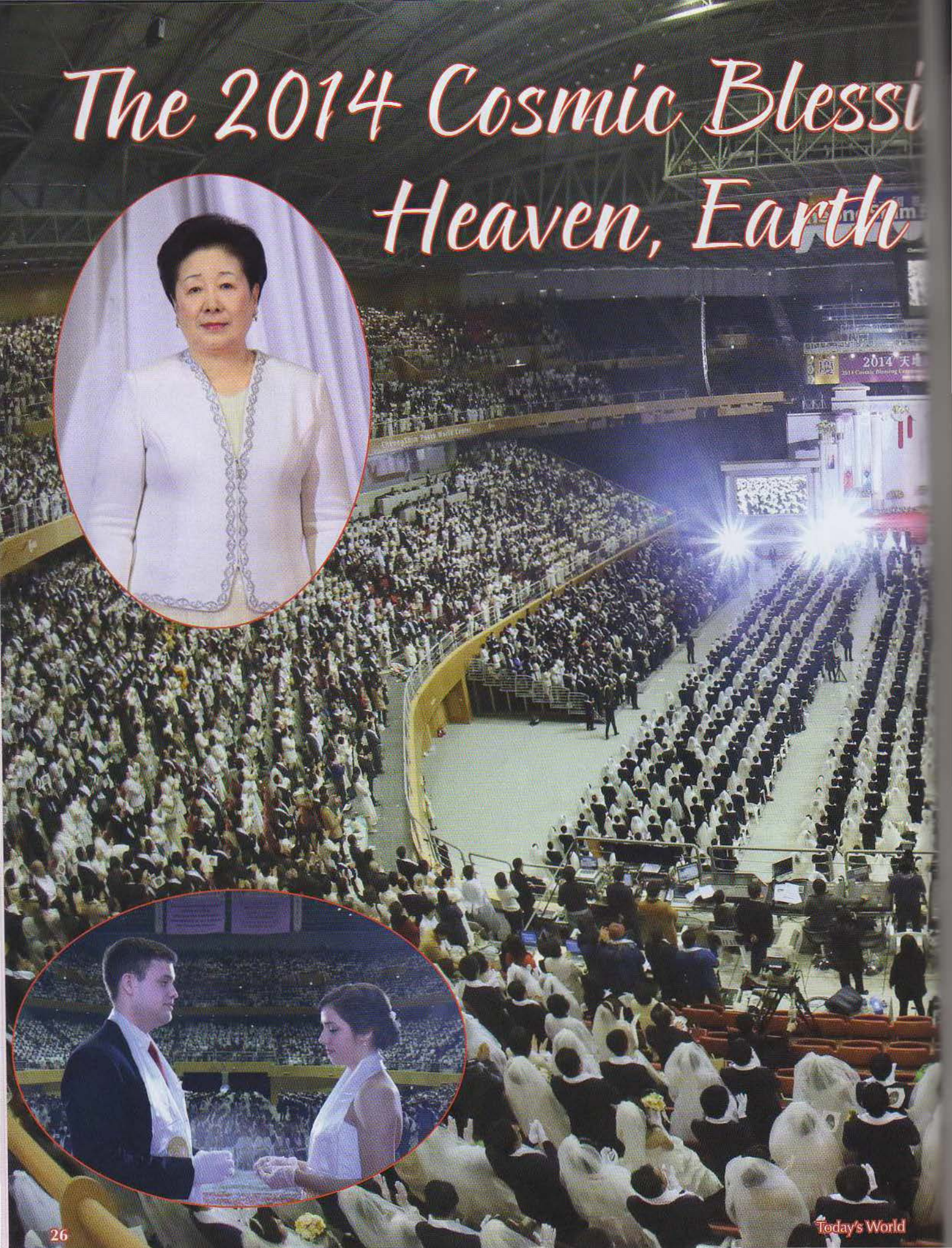




Above: Mother proclaims the Cheon Il Guk Constitution; Below: She introduces the Cheon Il Guk Supreme Council, a body of twelve (in black robes, with their attendants) that has been described as the supreme decision making organ of Cheon Il Guk.



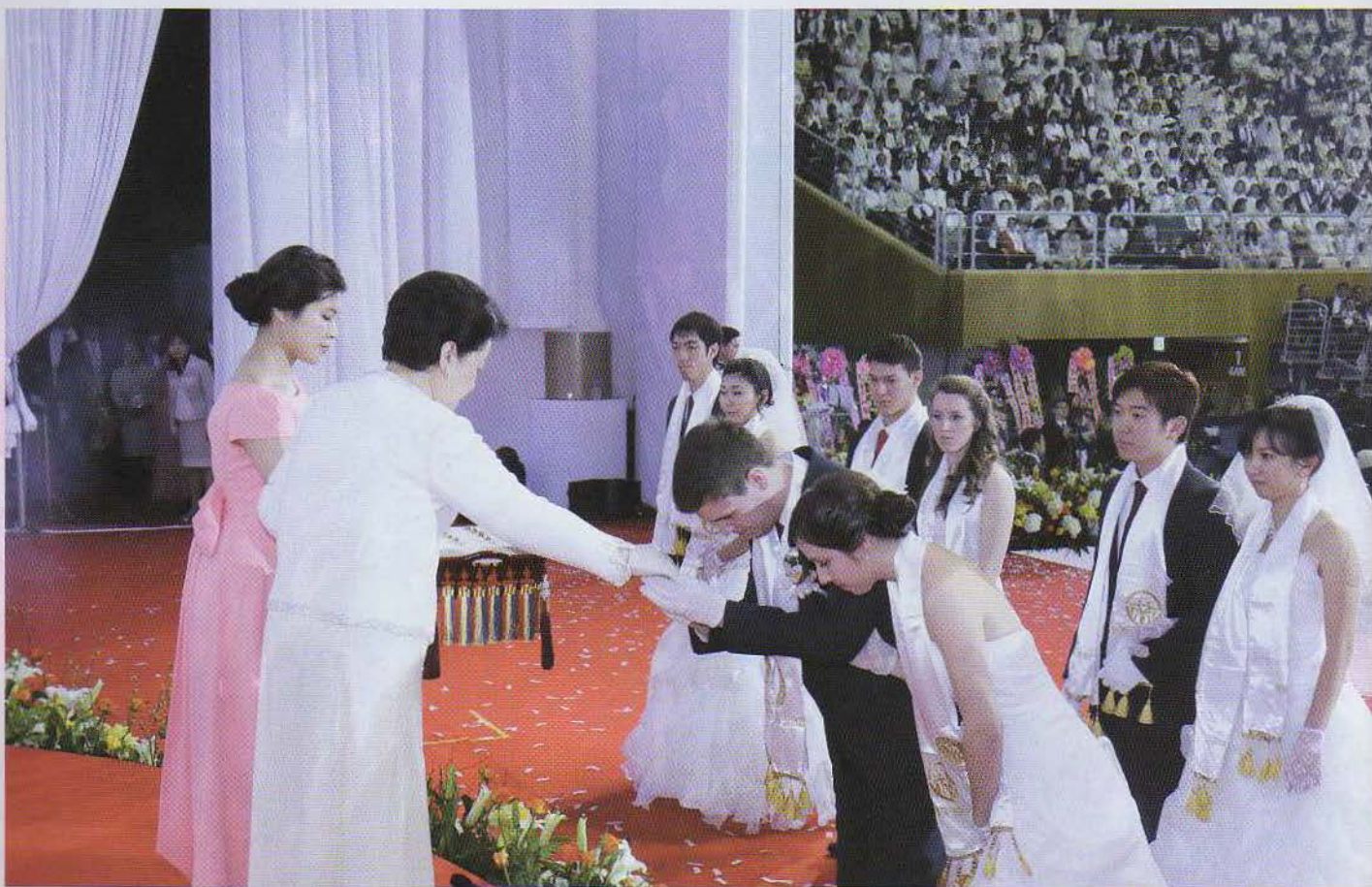
The 2014 Cosmic Blessing Heaven, Earth



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Above: True Mother presents a ring to a groom in one of the representative couples onstage. Below: True Mother sprinkles Holy Water. Father once spoke of the Holy Water Ceremony as a way to make a clear dividing point between past and future. Facing page: True Mother reads the Blessing Vows and (facing page, below) a recording of True Father's Blessing Prayer is played.





Brides and Grooms

At 9:30 AM, we entered the Cheongshim Peace World Center, to which couples had come from many nations to take part in the Blessing Ceremony. We waded into a sea of dark suits, white gowns and gossamer veils and asked a few questions.



M: Sovicamor De Jesus W: Elisa Honig

M: I am from the Dominican Republic.

W: I am from Germany.

How did you meet?

W: We met when we did a program together—STF, Special Task Force, in Europe.

What countries did that bring you to?

M: Many countries. Basically, the main...

W: ...country that we stayed in was Albania.

M: Yes, Albania, but we were in Germany, Switzerland, Ireland...

W: Many countries in Europe.

M: Poland.

Did your parents have much to do with the process?

W: It was a parents' matching because my mom and his mom are from Italy, and they had known each other before. They met again and had a close connection.

Aha! The Italian connection.

M: Yes. They met and they started to talk—lala lala, and after a time we were matched.

How was it to go from being teammates to prospective husband and wife?

M: It was interesting.

W: It was a bit awkward in the beginning but afterward—because we had already been together for about a year, always developing teamwork—we sort of knew each other. We knew about the weaknesses and the strengths and stuff.

Weaknesses? Really?

M: We knew what the other person liked and we knew how to act toward each other.

W: How to communicate with each other, and understand.

M: Over time, with talking, talking, talking...

W: So it was rather easy, in a way, because we already knew each other and got along quite well. We were good friends.

Were you on STF when you were matched?

W: No, afterward. These were two separate things.

Where do you intend to live?

W: That's still open. We don't know yet.

M: Because she is still studying in Germany and I am living in Italy. I am trying to find a job there. We are looking to see if I can study there. I will stay in Italy, or I will move to Germany or go back to the Dominican Republic.

So many options!

W: Yes. The whole world is open.



M: Fabian Zoltan W: Nantana Dechkhant

M: I'm Hungarian and she's from Thailand.

When did you meet?

M: I visited her for the first time at Christmas time.

How were you matched?

M: The Blessing Department sent the information and we started speaking by Skype. We've been speaking since then. We communicate in English and a bit of Thai and a bit of Hungarian.



M: Argys Sheqi W: Enrida Bushi

M: I am from Albania. We were matched on March 9. She's also from Albania. I am from the city of Shkodër and she is from the city of Lushnjë. The European Blessing Department matched us. I am twenty-three, and she is twenty-two.

How far away do you live?

M: Not so far, but I am in a mission part time and studying in the city of Vlorë. She is studying in Tirana. We meet each other just once every two months. That's not good. I am studying to become an elementary school teacher and she is studying mathematics. We are very happy with each other.



M: Glenn Haider W: Judilee King

M: I'm from New Jersey.

W: I'm from Nova Scotia, Canada.

How did you meet?

M: Online. We first started talking on Facebook and then we talked to our parents. It was a parents' matching ultimately.

How did your relationship grow on Facebook?

W: We met through a mutual friend, but then actually met and started talking. We were just friends, and then our parents suggested the idea of it.

M: In person, we've known each other since March.

W: We've been communicating since January 2013. It has been about a year.

Have you heard of other couples that came together through Facebook?

M: I haven't heard of any others, but Facebook is such a powerful medium of communication, so I'm sure there are others.

What do you do?

M: I'm a musician and I'm studying music education and sociology.

W: I'm an artist. I'm studying art and graphic design.

In Canada and in New Jersey?

M: We're both in New Jersey right now.

W: I moved there.

What's it like to be involved in such a big wedding ceremony?

M: It is definitely an honor. It's amazing that we could be part of this.

Do either of you have a parent here?

M: My mother is actually there in the upper balcony.

W: My parents will watch through the internet.

They can read this in Today's World magazine.

M: Awesome!



M: Donald Kamberaj W: Christine De Castro

Where are you from?

M: Albania, and she's from the Philippines.

How did you meet?

M: We met here in Korea on February 10 at the Hanhwa Resort.¹

How did you first contact each other?

M: Through Skype, over the internet.

How were you matched?

M: We were matched through the Blessing Department. I received an e-mail from this sister. She was the suggestion for me, so we started to communicate and to decide about the twenty-one days—if we are to go to the Blessing Ceremony or become a couple and get to know each other.

Twenty-one days?

Yes. Within the first twenty-one days, the couple decides if they are to continue.

Did your Blessing Department communicate to you?

Yes, but in my case, the Blessed Family Department director gave my mother the blessing application. I am in the first generation; I am what they call "Jacob's child." The director explained to my mother that he [pointing to the groom] was willing to move to my country. My mother wants that, which is why she already liked this idea.

¹ A ski resort deep in the South Korean hills where many of the couples stayed



M: Mark Jubb W: Lauren Traicy

M: I'm from London.

W: I'm from Melbourne, Australia.

How did you meet?

W: Our parents contacted each other through the web site.

M: They had never met before.

What are you doing now?

M: We are both studying in our home countries.

What are you studying?

M: Product design.

W: Health Science.

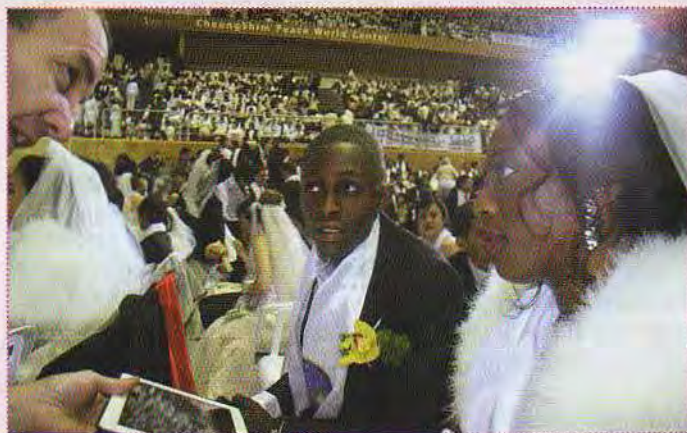
Do you have any grand plans?

M: I plan to move to Australia in August after my studies finish. She has still two or three years of studying to go, so for us to be together I would have to go to Australia.

Were your parents in a Blessing Ceremony such as this?

W: Mine were in Madison Square Garden in July 1982. His were a married couple.

M: They were in the Thirty-Couple Blessing Ceremony in Camberg, Germany.



M: Cedric Lenga-Seno W: Mary Bidard

Where are you from?

W: The UK and Congo.

M: Congo Kinshasa¹

How did you meet each other?

¹ The neighboring countries are often identified through their capitals—Congo Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo) and Congo Brazzaville (Republic of Congo).

W: We met through our parents. They'd known each other for a long time. My parents knew his family in the UK, where I'm from, so they introduced us like that.

How long have you known each other?

M: Since last year.

W: The middle of last year.

How did you first make contact?

W: I think it was verbally, over the telephone.

M: Yes, and we communicated by internet.

What do you do?

W: We've both graduated. My major was business management and his was fine art.

How much contact have you had face to face?

W: Just under a month.

What was it like coming to Korea to a big Blessing Ceremony like the one your parents were in?

W: I've been here many times before, so it was okay for me.

M: It's so exciting. It's so great; I'm really glad about it. This is my first time coming here.



M: Erwan Nguyen W: Daniela Zohrer
Which countries are you from?

M: I'm from France and Switzerland.

W: I'm from Austria; I'm half German. We live in Austria.

M: My father is French and Vietnamese and my mom is German.

Are you also living in Austria?

M: I'm living in Australia, in Sydney. I am always moving.

W: It's a long, long-distance relationship.

How did you meet?

M: Our parents, my mom and her dad, used to play in the same musical band forty years ago. They were friends and that's how we met each other, how I met Daniela. We like each other.

When did you meet?

W: The first time was in September.

M: We started to communicate eight months ago, but it took four or five months to meet, in Switzerland, because I am so far away.

W: Because he is so far away, it was a bit difficult but now... I went to Australia to visit him and by then it was okay; we knew we were going to get married to each other. It was the

right decision, the best one.

Where do you plan to live?

W: Probably Australia at first.

M: And maybe Switzerland later.

Are you working in Australia?

M: I'm working there in the mining industry.



Peter Zohrer

What's it like to have your child blessed in Korea by True Mother?

This is wonderful. I have two children here, actually. Our youngest son is here and our daughter, our youngest child.

Who is your son being blessed to?

My son is being blessed to Jessica Schmid. She's half Japanese and half German. I knew the parents before. This helped because we could immediately communicate. In both cases, they were matched through the web site.



M: Gabrielle Vergano W: Declined to say
Which countries are you from?

W: Japan

M: Venezuela

You recently joined the church?

M: I have been a member for five years. I was a university student in 2007 and a friend invited me to a seminar. I went to seven or eight seminars, one every month. I began to study the Divine Principle. I even went through a forty-day workshop. I am a lawyer now.

How were you matched?

I sent the form to the center in Venezuela and it was sent to Japan. We contacted each other and communicated through Skype. We communicate in English.



M: Ewald Schenkermayr W: Jarelle Ben Zvi

W: I'm from Israel.

M: I'm from Austria, but at the moment I'm teaching English in Ivory Coast.

How did you meet?

W: We got to know each other in November 2013.

M: Our first meeting came through our parents who introduced us to each other.

Did your parents know each other?

M: No. They didn't know anything about each other. They connected through bcmatching.org.

In what areas are you similar?

W: Our faith in the True Family and in True Parents and in God. I feel we have something in common that is the most basic. It is the main reason that I can relate to him.

That's a good, solid reason. Where do you plan to live?

M: For now, we'll live for a year in Israel and after that, in Austria.



M: Andries Dan De Ven W: Chika Watanabe

M: I'm from the Netherlands.

W: I'm from Japan.

When did you first meet?

M: When did you come to the Netherlands? W: Last February.

M: A year ago.

How do you communicate?

M: It is difficult to communicate long distance. We use Skype and e-mail.

Do you face any difficulty speaking face to face?

W: Sometimes, but we will understand each other eventually.



M: Tad Johnson W: Takako Sato

M: I was born in the United States but soon moved to Japan. I spent my kindergarten life in Japan. I stayed in Japan for half of first grade and then moved to Korea because of my dad's job. Our family lived here for about fifteen years, so I pretty much spent my whole life until high school in Korea. Now, I'm in the United States for university, college. It's been four years now; I'm still working on my English.

How about your bride? Did you grow up in Japan?

W: I'm Japanese. I grew up in Japan and both my parents are Japanese.

How did you meet each other?

M: Through the second-generation matching web site. I had uploaded my profile. She had her profile on the Japanese side and mine was in the U.S. part, but I thought it was an international thing.

Somehow, her parents called my dad. My dad talked to the parents and then asked me about it. He told me that some Japanese family was interested.

I had been about to take down my profile. I told him I was not interested at that moment. I was about to refuse but my dad asked me to pray about it. I did pray. I do not personally want to say that this was God speaking to me, but the answer was yes. Somehow, the feeling was Okay, let's try this.

Because of hearing about couples breaking up, my motivation was dead at that moment, but after I prayed, I thought, Why not? Let's try this. I got her number and I contacted her. As soon as she answered she seemed happy to have me. I mean, at that time, we were not matched, but as soon as I talked to her, I had a feeling like, hmmm... This is interesting. I felt a different energy just from her voice. Now, it's been five months, six months. At that time, we spoke through Skype only. Until two days ago, we had never met.

Just a few days.

M: Yeah. We only talked through Skype. We talked once a week for four hours.

Four hours?

M: Yes. Every week for four hours.

Who paid the electric bill?

M: I mean, it's Skype, you know, so... She's busy, really busy. I'm kind of busy, too, but I was very happy to speak to her once a week.

What language do you communicate in?

M: I can speak Japanese.

You remembered since kindergarten?

M: My mom taught me since then, after we moved to Korea during summer vacations. Man! I had to stay in the house even though I didn't want to. But she kept me in and I had to learn it. I'm very thankful to my mom now. I'm also grateful to True Parents and God for protecting us from temptation coming from outside. I had a hard time but I'm glad I kept my purity and am able to attend this Blessing Ceremony.

If you say something in Japanese, we'll translate it.

W: When I saw his picture the first time, he looked gentle, but I was surprised that he was black—half black. But the way he speaks, I don't feel as if I'm talking to a foreigner at all. I felt he is very friendly. At first it was difficult to have a conversation but little by little I felt he was friendly. It became enjoyable for me to talk to him.



Robin Biddlecombe and Ariela Fish

M: I'm from England.

W: I'm from America, from Seattle.

How did you meet?

M: Through our parents, who got in touch and started e-mailing each other.

Did your parents know each other before?

M: No, just through the church, through the web site initially.

How did they explain to you what they had in mind?

M: I think it was more that we went to our parents and asked if we could go through the process.

At what age did you do this?

M: I'm twenty-six.

W: I'm twenty-four, turning twenty-five.

You're still young. A year ago, you decided it was time?

W: A year and a half ago.

M: We've been matched just over a year. The process from the start might have taken a couple of years.

What about the way your parents explained the prospective match made you willing to take the next step?

W: They never really explained him. They just said that this is someone that approached us and showed me his profile. They asked if he would even be a possibility.

Was it an impressive profile?

W: It was very plain, with not much on it.

M: You can't get much on the profile; it's not a super high-level introduction.

W: But it wasn't an instant no. He had a good job and an education.

M: We seemed to have the same values and outlook on life from what I could gather. So, I decided to take a step to start communicating. She and I started to get to know each other.

What is this good job you have?

M: I work for BP, the oil company, in engineering.

Do you have siblings?

M: Yes, I have got four brothers and two sisters. I'm the second oldest.

W: I'm the oldest out of five; I have three younger brothers and a younger sister.

M: I've met nearly all of her brothers and her sister and we all get on very well, with each other's family.

Does the matching process you've been through inspire confidence in the matching for your siblings?

M: My brother went through the same process; he got matched and blessed. That inspired me, I guess, to go through the same process.

**M: Sanniell Ogawa W: Sarah Rischl**

M: We're from Colorado Springs; we go to the Denver church.

Did your parents know each other?

M: My parents live in Japan, actually. My mom is Japanese. My dad's American.

W: My father's Austrian. My mom's from California, American.

M: We both work for the same program—Blessed Teens Academy, a second-generation school. We both staff there. Her parents are one of the staff families there.

Is that when you started working together?

W: I was very young. I'm actually eighteen right now.

M: Her parents moved into the program in 2007 to help staff there. She came as a student. I was already there as a volunteer student counselor, taking care of other second-generation kids.

Are you still at the academy?

W: Yes. We're still there.

Was it awkward at first?

W: It wasn't awkward, just a bit surprising. It was in 2012.

How did you find out?

W: He approached my parents and talked to them. Then, my mom told me.

**M: Philip Moore W: Lisa Atkinson****What countries are you from?**

W: Sweden and England.

M: We met through the matching web site, through our parents; our parents supported it.

What do you do?

M: I'm currently living in London and working in a children's theater, and Lisa is a student.

W: In Stockholm, Sweden.

What do you study?

W: Aesthetics, which is a branch of philosophy

How involved were your parents in the matching process?

W: Mainly they supported through doing conditions and offering moral support, but they were very open to our leading the process.

So, you found each other?

M: Yes, largely in some way, we did. After we started to speak, our parents offered spiritual support and guidance, that sort of stuff, rather than bringing us together, they left it up to us.

W: But they introduced us. *TW*



Celebratory Banquet on the First Anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day

1.13 (February 12) in the Cheongpyeong Training Center Main Hall





Facing page: During the Foundation Day banquet, True Mother awarded meritorious members from each of our FFWPU regions with a mother-of-pearl inlaid plaque. Above: Numerous members of the South Korean legislature filled the seats nearest True Mother's table. True Mother received gifts from (left) Domitien Ndayizeye, president of Burundi (2003–2005) and his wife and from Jamela Bayramali Namazova of Azerbaijan. Performances included (below) singing by Prof. Kim Mi-ran, a second generation member, and her daughter, Lee Seung-eun, whose rich voices filled the hall. Supporting them were four dancers from our second-generation and a choir from Gyeonggi Province. Their performance was produced by a Japanese member whom Hyojin nim had trained for ten years. A dance troupe of second-generation members from West Japan also performed. Inset, below: Matthew Hill, a second-generation member and an operatic tenor from the United States sang in Korean, Italian and English. He later sang at Cheon Jeong Gung. Elizabeth (Ye-ju) Woo, a highly esteemed violinist, delighted the audience.



Congratulations on the Anniversary of the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk



By Kim Se-taek

Ambassador Kim's speech appeared on screen in Korean and Japanese. He had written the speech himself in English and delivered it fluently.

Respected Dr. Hak-ja Han Moon and distinguished guests from around the world, I am deeply honored and grateful to stand here before you today to deliver the congratulatory message.

I cannot fathom the deep and noble meaning of this day, the first anniversary of the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk, but as the representative of Korea and the eldest of today's guests, I will offer up these precious words with an overflowing heart.

Distinguished guests from around the world, I was born under Japanese colonial rule. My generation saw both the independence and division of our homeland, and we developed Korea from a country ruined by war into the first-world nation that it is today. As one member of that generation, it is my sincere wish to see the day when peace and unification will come to our nation.

From the day that I took my first steps as a diplomat from the Embassy of Japan in Korea in 1967, I have been serving as a representative of Korea to Singapore, Denmark, Japan, and many other countries. I have lived these past thirty-six years longing for the day when Korea would rise above the walls of division and the cold war and become a central, unified nation.

Through its surprising economic growth, Korea has grown to become a confident country that can raise its voice on the world stage. However, the dark shadow of division still hangs heavily over the Korean peninsula. As long as the danger of war lurks ahead, the prosperity and development that we have cultivated over the past fifty years is certain to disappear like

a mirage overnight. Therefore, if we want to become a country that can truly stand on the center stage of the world, our foremost priority must be peace and unification on the Korean peninsula.

However, regardless of how much our people wished and hoped for unification and peace on the Korean peninsula, no leader with a clear vision and philosophy to lead us to peace stepped forward. The leaders who represented our country spoke only of economic profits and political interests, and were more concerned with war than with national unity.

In that regard, when I saw Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak-ja Han Moon's clear vision for the future and international work for peace and unification on the Korean peninsula while working abroad as a diplomat, my heart was stirred to deep reverence and respect. I could not help but feel deep gratitude and respect for them as they risked their lives to overcome countless obstacles, not only for our nation but for world peace.

Although Reverend Sun Myung Moon has now passed away, I feel very hopeful when I see Dr. Hak-ja Han Moon working harder than anyone else to realize a peaceful world. I pray that all of you here today will work together, centering on Dr. Hak-ja Han Moon, to bring about unification on the Korean peninsula and peace throughout the world.

I want to end my message today with the sincere wish that this precious ceremony today will become one of great victory and honor, bringing about the happy and peaceful ideal world sought by humankind for so long. Thank you very much **TW**



Dr. Yang Chang-shik was master of ceremonies; Archbishop Stallings prayed and Domitien Ndayizeye, president of Burundi (2003–2005) also gave congratulatory remarks at the banquet.


2014 WORLD CARP ASSEMBLY



On February 13, at World CARP Assembly 2014, the theme of which was Establishing and Disseminating the Cheon Il Guk Culture of Heart at Cheongshim Youth Center, Choi Yeon-ah nim told the students, "True Father said that if we have an unclear starting point, our purpose ends up being also unclear. Hyo-jin nim said that a clear purpose is needed for the body to overcome physical difficulties, the external environment and the different difficulties of the mind. True Father, in comparison, was a step ahead by explaining that only when a starting point is clear can a purpose become definite too. When I heard those words, everything became apparent to me. I realized that True Parents had a clear purpose from the beginning of their public lives, lives that we cannot fully grasp. Otherwise, would True Father and True Mother have been able to dedicate their entire lives to God's will? I realized again that they set off on this course with a clear purpose from the very beginning. Brothers and sisters, what is our starting point? This is my question. What is our starting point? We clearly know our one and only starting point. You learned that, right? We learned it through True Parents. Ultimately, it is our Heavenly Parent and it is through True Parents that we can encounter within our lives our Heavenly Parent, who is invisible."

Below: Ryu Kyeong-seuk, president, FFWPU-Korea; Hwang Sun-jo, president Sun Moon University; and Lee Yeong-gyun, president CARP-Korea spoke too.





1.14 (February 13) at Cheon Jeong Gung

Celebrating the Victory of the Foundation Day
Anniversary and the Inauguration Ceremony of the
Promotion Committee for True Parents' Life Museum

Not only members but also the entire world took interest in Foundation Day through the reports on the preparations made and all the actual events. Do you agree with this? Just as the regional president of South America mentioned a short time ago, it took six thousand years and two thousand years of Christian history for the arrival of the true owner that humanity and our Heavenly Parent has so longed for. Yet, no environment was ready to welcome him; in short, we were inadequate. I heard from the report given by the regional president of Asia that many members in the Philippines were blessed. Until the term "blessing" appeared... This blessing is a miracle to those living in today's era. However, around the world, how much did blessed families and members of the Unification Church or Family Federation for World Peace that have received this tremendous blessing fulfill their duty as devoted children, patriots and saints in front of True Parents? You must examine yourselves. You must look at yourselves.

I know that you have all worked hard for this event. It is also true that the status of our church has been upgraded by a level. True Parents dedicated their entire lives to spreading the providence of blessed families and the blessing throughout the world, yet most of the seven billion people are still unaware of it. What do you think of that? There is always a right time within Heaven's providence. We must not miss this right time. As people that have lived with True Parents in this era, you stand in a blessed position where you can yield results or fruits, yet you did not fulfill your responsibilities. This is embarrassing. Let us not become people filled with shame. Do you understand? In other words, doing one's best alone is not enough. Mothers that are here know what that feels like. Men may not know how it feels, but to give birth to a life feels as if the sky is falling. It is only when one reaches a point where she feels like dying that life is given birth to. As mothers who have experienced this, you must fulfill your responsibilities.

We should love members, have harmony between siblings, attend True Parents at the center and expand this environment. In addition, you must be particularly able to show growth and development whenever such a big event is conducted. How did you feel when you heard True Father's voice at the Blessing Ceremony? Did you only feel happy? Yes? Didn't you feel a lump forming in your throat and shed tears? Weren't your hearts tremendously sorry for not being able to offer greater results to True Father while he was still on earth? Wouldn't it be better if you have successful results while I am still on earth? Do you truly feel this?

Even if I do not say much, you know how you should act and put your life of faith in practice to bring results or fruit from a mature position that you must reach by yourselves. I do not have to repeat that. You know that we must yield results. Don't you? I was greatly moved by the reports and presentations I received. However, this is not enough. You must invest more effort.

Not only Korea but also the entire world must be aware of True Parents. As the regional president of North America just mentioned.... That is so. Let us look at True Parents' birthday. It isn't certain that Christmas is Jesus' birthdate, but we clearly know when True Parents' birthday is. *Champumo Gyeong* is now completed. Once the English translation comes out, you will be able to study it. We must conduct a movement to let this nation and the world know about True Parents' birthday. In the year that Foundation Day was first celebrated, events were originally held from the 1st to the 13th. Taking into consideration circumstances such as witnessing, Pledge Service and other aspects in the field, I asked that events be conducted within each region and nation until the seventh this time.

Beginning next year, however, True Parents' birthday will be celebrated across each nation through a lot of sharing and giving. Even if a lot of money is not used for this purpose, I would like each region and nation to conduct a festival on this day to give to people and inform them about True Parents. Can you do it?

Once people get to know how much True Parents loved humanity while on earth and how True Parents worked with a life-or-death determination, investing everything to the maximum until their very last moments, gratitude and a true-love movement focused on living for others will greatly spread throughout the world.

You should not just sit still and use only your head when facing reality. I want to say that we should now move our bodies and act out.

Don't you become tearful when you think of Father? I want to trust you. So please do your very best. I sincerely hope that the entire spiritual world is mobilized to support you in everything you do and that you succeed. Congratulations. **TW**



1.15 (February 14) at Cheon Jeong Gung



*The Opening Ceremony for the
FFWPU World National Leaders
Assembly 2014*

I had to come because you prepared so much and were waiting for me. I listened to all of your reports. While listening to the reports given by the national leader of Brazil and the national leader of the Philippines in particular, I thought that nations that could not put as much into practice as they have need to learn from Brazil and the Philippines.

A person must come to be qualified to stand in front of God's will. The content of the report given by Brazil on home groups and how home group leaders are teaching the Divine Principle and growing alongside the mid-level leaders was good. In addition, if we are to talk about the Philippines, regarding the Blessing Ceremonies, members could fulfill their responsibility toward witnessing and the tribal messiah mission. That is also good. The different nations in the world each have a feature unique to them. I have observed the Philippines for a long time and I believe that the movement they are conducting was well chosen. In the end, what matters is letting people know that Heaven's providence has settled on earth and that Cheon Il Guk has begun regardless of the method. However, you must let them know that True Parents are at its center.

Why does God need True Parents? As a result of human history having gone wrong, Adam and Eve—who were supposed to become the True Parents—became false parents, thus the satanic world resulted. Heaven had to make painstaking efforts when he originally didn't need to, because humans failed to fulfill their responsibility. The providence of restoration, the providence of restoration through indemnity... The tremendous difficulty of this providence is hard to express in words; that is why it took six thousand years as recorded in the Bible.¹

It wasn't easy. We learned from True Parents how Heaven worked hard until the word "True Parents" came to be formed. I believe that you, as those in charge of nations and regions, have had many opportunities to experience True Parents' heart. The problem, however, is that we are not putting this into action at this point. We must make results.

Rev. Ryu Kyeong-seuk, president of FFWPU-Korea, just talked about the Christian thinking in his congratulatory remarks. The Unification Church or the Family Federation for World Peace, which has True Parents at its center.... (Do you have to keep flashing that light at me—you the person taking photos? I cannot speak because of the blinding light.) When I talk and something interrupts the middle of the talk, I end up forgetting what I want to say.

Now, what was I talking about? I was about to talk about the history of the Unification Church and not that of Christianity, True Parents' history. True Parents have taught you all the basics during their lifetimes. There are many families blessed by True Parents around the world, right? Even though True Father has ascended, what kind of foundation do you think we would have had if every single blessed member and family fulfilled their responsibility? Would it have been bigger or smaller than it is today? Of the seven billion people on earth, around five billion would have known, right? I would like to think that way. However, this is somewhat pathetic. Do I have to scold you for not fulfilling your responsibility? If you had results that could move one nation, three, four to ten nations, True Father would have said he had accomplished the actual settlement of Cheon Il Guk and would have been able to obtain more freedom through us in his last moments.

However, we did not hear him say that. I would like to ask a favor of you. I sincerely hope that you can help True Mother, True Parents, in obtaining freedom. Whenever I set up one of you and talk to the person, I realize again how precious you are and how proud I am of you. You are all proud children of True Parents and I want to boast of you all! Do you feel great?

The national leader of Brazil,² do you give sermons in Korean? [No] In what language do you give your sermons then? [In Portuguese] Then when did you learn Korean? [I studied Korean as a foreign student and CARP member in the Korea University language school in 1991 and lived in one of the CARP centers.] Can you speak Korean so well just from studying it then? [My wife is Korean.] He understood everything and did not miss a single word at all. To just do it that way, to just do it; these are truly precious words. There is a difference among you, because you did not do it, you did not try. You just have to do it! Will you do it or not? When we have this meeting again next year, I hope to hear all of you giving your reports in Korean! Do you understand?

After this program ends, you'll be having lunch, right? Today is the fifteenth day of the first lunar month. The fifteenth day.... I am not sure whether this saying exists in other countries, but today, when people look up at the moon, they say that the clouds are clearing up. While looking up at the moon, people eat nuts such as peanuts, walnuts and pine nuts and believe that they are stepping on the spirits of the earth. To see whether the moon comes out this evening, I was thinking of playing *yut*. According to the weather report, however, the moon may not come out; it is expected to be cloudy in the evening. I know that you have a schedule, but we will play *yut* together after lunch. *Yut* is part of the Korean culture. You played many *yut* games while True Father was still alive, right?

When playing *yut*, a team of several people truly become one without any pretense. This is important. We could say that people act this way because of their common goal to win; however, what matters is that once teams are formed, they become one. What we should always bear in mind when we come together to listen to good examples and learn from them is how to properly continue True Parents' tradition and that it is important to become one with our Heavenly Parent and True Parents in a straight line.

As leaders coming from both the East and West, please consider this game a way for all races to become one and return joy and the Holy Spirit to Heaven. In addition, you can become one as you attend our Heavenly Parent within nature and feel grateful in front of True Parents' love. This is precious. Now, how much prize money do you think I have prepared for the game? Yes? [Mother lifted the bag of prize money.] This is heavy. Now accept this. I hope you fight hard and that goodness wins. The winning team will probably receive twenty million won. **9W**

1 No one place in the Bible gives this figure; it was calculated by adding life spans through various lineages recorded in the Bible.

2 Mr. Koichi Sasaki. He is Japanese.



True Mother watched reports on 2013 activities from another room. Among the speakers were (clockwise from top left) Thomas Hwang, international vice-president, FFWPU; Farley Jones, U.S. church president (1969–1972); regional presidents, Ohtsuka Katsumi (Africa) and Yang Young-tack (Middle East) and national leaders Julius B. Malicdem (Philippines) and Sasaki Koichi (Brazil); Below: Recently appointed (left to right) Kwun In-soung, regional president, Oceania; Ryu Kyeong-seuk, national leader, Korea; Chung Jin-pal, regional president, Northeast; Yoon Chan-wook, special envoy, Moldova; Seo Young-ju, special envoy, Palau





As the regional leaders, heads of providential organizations, national leaders and others had assembled for a yut game, Choi Yeon-ah nim addressed the audience at True Mother's request.

Good morning. First of all, it is indeed a great honor to get to meet you all like this. From an individual perspective, I am still a junior that needs to learn from many providential leaders; furthermore, I am from the children's generation, in a generation that is still young. Yet, thanks to the love of our True Parents, I stand here today despite my inadequacy to convey True Mother's welcoming heart, loving heart and encouraging heart on behalf of True Mother.

It would have been great if True Mother could be here herself. While accompanying True Mother throughout the entire event, I observed that True Mother continuously offered conditions, worried about the future of the providence, made plans for it and educated members. This did not end with public events but continued even after the events concluded. You have probably noticed it. Seeing her meet, communicate and educate different leaders, I worry a lot as I stand by her side, thinking, "Is she okay? Is True Mother going to be okay with such a tight schedule?"

I am far younger than True Mother. When an event is concluded, I am usually busy trying to run away to get some rest. True Mother, however, digests the following event awaiting her and then has one meeting after another until nighttime. She remains until the end and offers conditions. Even though True Mother is not here with us, she is monitoring us from up there;¹ so please understand True Mother's heart. When True Father talked about the preciousness of Cheon Jeong Gung, he said that it is where our Heavenly Parent is directly present and living. In fact, Father once scolded me saying, "No matter how sad you may feel after Hyo-jin left, you must not cry here. If you shed tears here, the land here will cry." This is how precious Cheon Jeong Gung is. I believe that you are grateful and truly understand the preciousness of meeting here, the opportunity to be educated in this manner and to be able to have some time with the True Parents.

I understand that this meeting is an educational one through which all of you here, leading the Cheon Il Guk era, can become one in heart and will with the True Parents and that it is a time for every single one of you to give a report on activities of the past year. I have come up here to give you a welcoming message, but I feel that I should give a short report of what I have felt while attending True Mother at her side despite my inadequacy.

¹ Cameras mounted on the ceiling allowed True Mother to watch on a computer monitor.



First of all, you all probably know what kind of heart True Mother had after True Father's ascension. This was indeed a painful event to me personally, and to True Mother. On the other hand, looking from my present situation, what I am grateful for is that sending Hyo-jin to the spiritual world first has become a basis through which I can actually relate, if only a little bit, to True Mother's heart. In my case, however, I wandered a lot. You have probably seen me lost and wandering many times. I had completely hit rock bottom emotionally and in other aspects too. Looking back, I am shocked at how I looked then. Those around me all embraced me in love and many would have been concerned at my state being the oldest wife in True Parents' family. This is how much I wandered. Seeing True Mother taking on such big responsibilities and work and moving forward, I felt how great True Mother is, which is a realization I have felt on many occasions.

I am still wandering and haven't fully recovered even though five years, almost six years, have already passed; yet True Mother has been putting our Heavenly Parent, his will, True Parents, beloved members around the world, True Parents' children as priorities in her thoughts and intentions always.... Isn't she seventy-two years old now? Despite her age, seeing True Mother go in this manner, so many times I felt, "Ah, she is truly the True Mother." At the same time, I feel sorry for being at her side and still giving her more burdens instead of helping her in carrying out the big work she is conducting. Yet, I am truly grateful that I have been allowed to directly see True Parents by their sides, learning from them and learning about their lives.

When I saw True Mother, the first thing I felt was that True Mother truly cares about the members. As you have probably noticed, unlike True Father, True Mother briefly talks about the key points only; yet, the more you think of it in depth, she always gives us points that are in line with True Father's teachings. When she does that, however, she does not give it to us in detail from beginning to end. She trusts us, as if to say, If I explain it in this way, they will understand what it is. They will be able to feel it by investing effort themselves.

You probably recognize that True Mother understands us in this manner and briefly educates us in order to give us time to fulfill our responsibilities. When I first heard True Mother's message by her side, I wondered about its meaning, the heart

behind those words and the purpose of the message. I am still inadequate at putting everything into focus but the more I see True Mother, the clearer it becomes.

One thing I felt in the beginning was that True Mother truly understood True Father's precious value and would have been in great pain when True Father ascended. We, the children, are not aware of that and when our hearts were hurting when Father passed away because of our own difficulty, True Mother was instead truly sorry to True Father because the world did not know of True Father's true value and for not being able to help the world become aware of it. Very often, I saw True Mother experience regret, and regret sending Father after he suffered so much, though he should not have, because we had not fulfilled everything.

Personally, when Hyo-jin nim went to the spiritual world, I would think that I should have done this and that for him. I had many similarly humanistic

thoughts. I realized how much True Mother would know, feel and understand, though she did not express it, because she had been with True Father for a long time and had completely shared all the inside facts of the providence with him. Whenever this realization came to me, I once more thought, "Could there be anyone that thinks of True Father, lives for his sake and loves him more than True Mother does?"

I felt truly sorry that we have not been able to comfort True Mother's heart. At the same time, as time passed, I came to realize once more the meaning of True Mother's simple message that we repent and be grateful. No one actually even imagined that Father would pass away. No one dared even think of it. As you well know, True Father is not a person that suffers loss providentially. I believe that you know this better than I do.

Thinking of how Father fiercely fought until his last moment, burning one cell after the other, before he left for the spiritual world.... True Mother would hear, "I am sorry Mother." These words would be heartbreaking to Mother.

When I saw True Father going through his last moments, I often thought, "He is truly the Messiah. Even at his last moment, he is investing everything he has. He didn't leave any of his physical parts intact, burning everything as he went." When considering why Father had to do that, I personally concluded that he had to do that to save his inadequate children. I believe that True Father's ascension was an expression of his love, his wanting to raise us to the position of God's children, no matter what, despite our being valueless and inadequate to graft on to the lineage of God's children.

Thinking of how True Mother stayed quietly in Cheon Jeong Gung, not leaving it for even a moment and offering conditions from after Father left until Foundation Day.... Of course, she did cross to the United States for providential reasons; however, other than that, she did not leave Father's side even once, offering conditions early in the morning or at night and going to Bonhyangwon² to talk with Father. Thinking of how Mother spent this time, how much value would Foundation Day have had based on that? We have concluded the victory celebration of the event commemorating the first anniversary of Foundation Day and have all come here. Having

2 This is the Korean name for True Father's grave.

received Foundation Day without any conditions, you do not truly know what Foundation Day is. Nor do I. However, words are not adequate to express how much trouble and worry our Heavenly Parent went through and how many hardships our True Parents had to go through in order to give us this Foundation Day.

If we think of True Father's ascension as a process of this result, I think that we cannot avoid repenting, repenting and being grateful in front of True Parents. You have probably seen and read True Mother's benediction during Foundation Day. Though it is short, when I thought of True Mother's heart within this benediction, I felt so sorry. My heart was in pain. Seeing True Mother pray to Heavenly Parent for the children, affording comfort and glory to him and asking Heaven to not forget humanity, though inadequate, and to guide and protect humanity until the very end, I came to the realization that she is indeed the True Parents. I have often had such thoughts. When it comes to any kind of providential process, I believe that the leaders here today will know more about it. So, I do not have anything to say about that, but I want to convey True Mother's heart, which I have felt while attending her at her side; I want to convey to you as much as I have seen. Trying to express what I have felt in words, I can only come up with the word "love." This was a time where I came to feel deeply that this was truly parental love and to recognize what kind of love parental love is and that it comes from a heart desiring to do everything for the children.

We were given the 2014 yearly motto,³ "Let us become true owners of Cheon Il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent." You probably felt how this motto covers everything starting from the Creation, the entire providence of restoration and the new history of the new Cheon Il Guk era. I also thought a lot about it. In a recent message by True Mother, she asked what a true owner was

³ This will continue to be the yearly motto until 2020.

and said that it was someone with the heart of a parent. Simply put, one cannot become an owner by just fulfilling one's duty of filial piety and loyalty as children.

I then thought that we can come closer to the standard of a true owner desired by our Heavenly Parent and True Parents by resembling True Parents' hearts as they are and by always living with the heart and love of true parents just as the True Parents do. You know what we, members from around the world, and the rest of humanity have obtained through Foundation Day. We did not do anything for it, but owe thanks to our Heavenly Parent, who sent the True Parents to earth to save us. True Parents underwent all kinds of hardship while here, guiding us and raising us to this position through Foundation Day.

The work that True Parents are doing now—they realized the standard of the ideal Creation, the standard that our Heavenly Parent truly wanted to set up, liberated our Heavenly Parent and opened the way to the standard by which all humanity can be saved. They have opened doors through which anyone can live happily in the ideal world in front of that standard of salvation on the basis that we fulfill our five percent portion of the responsibility through the Registration Blessing Ceremony. In other words, we have been acknowledged as children carrying the lineage of our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. However, we didn't do much for it, nor were we of much help.

Even though True Parents do not express much, what do you think happened for such a moment to take place?

Once, someone told me that he asked True Father the question, "What is the process by which you victoriously completed all the eight vertical stages, the eight horizontal stages and the sixty-four stages?" True Father answered, "If I explain this path to you, you will all have to follow it, but you cannot. That is why I will not explain it. Just follow me." In the same way,



National leaders playing yut, a traditional game in Korea much loved by True Parents

we only see part of True Parents from what we see externally. I can also see only a part of True Parents. However, while observing True Mother by her side and thinking of True Parents' internal aspect, I came again to think that I must invest more effort into being able to feel even a little bit more of that internal aspect.

What True Mother hopes for through Foundation Day and the yearly motto is for us, in the end, to become children that can be recognized by our Heavenly Parent, True Parents and particularly True Father, who is in the spiritual world. At times, however, she is very strict and scolds us. During this event, True Mother truly acknowledged the hard work of leaders, gave words of encouragement and praised them, while saying how we all know that our work is still short of the standard. How insufficient it is in front of True Parents, particularly True Father! I could witness again how True Mother is trying to guide us even if it means scolding us.

As true owners, what kind of people should we become in order to open the Cheon Il Guk era? Of course, we are the absolute children and absolute object partners in front of the absolute Heavenly Parent and in front of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. However, we should be able to understand the parental heart by ourselves from the children's position and the object partner position and be able to feel the urgency of having a parental heart. All of us here today are actually brothers and sisters. When we go to the spiritual world, we will all be brothers and sisters. Taking this into consideration, we should live for the sake of one another, love each other, raise and foster each other with a parental heart. We should feel truly happy and praise a sibling that does well and feel truly sorry for a younger sibling who is going through hardships because we were unable to take those on ourselves. We should be able to comfort siblings in difficulties and say, I'll help you. Let's go together.

I believe that we should become people of that caliber and that True Parents would truly be happy if they saw us living in unity. If we are to look at it from the point of view of nations, among the nations, the United States has great responsibility. Of course, Korea's responsibility and Japan's responsibility as the parent nations are also great, but the United States, which is the eldest son nation, should be able to guide the younger nations, raise them, encourage them, protect them and even sacrifice its own life to protect its younger siblings. Such aspects should exist not only between individuals, but also between nations, leaders and members and of course within the True Family. Quite often, I have been thinking that I should become such a person.

In this light, even though I have insufficiencies in some areas personally, I remember what Hyo-jin nim always said, "I would be happy if my younger siblings do well. The reason I am going this way is to help my younger siblings do well and have an easier path; I want to give everything to them before I go." I am not qualified to say anything, because Hyo-jin nim passed away without realizing everything he said; yet, I could learn a lot about how relationships between siblings should be through seeing him invest his effort based on this standard. In the same way, True Parents hope that all of you Cheon Il Guk leaders of this age become one and centered on one starting point move in one direction toward one purpose, which is why I believe this educational place was prepared with the purpose that we unite. As you probably know, the standard needed to become one can be found in only the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. We must do everything possible to learn about, understand and feel the presence of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and connect to their

deep-hearted world. Only by doing that can we truly feel a surge to work hard for our beloved True Parents.

This is what an owner is like, I think. In other words, an owner should be able to genuinely love his or her parents to the extent that the person does not regard the work of their beloved parents as the parents' work, but considers it to be that person's own and to move forward in that manner. I thought a lot about this when I heard the yearly motto.

I am genuinely sorry. I am still quite inadequate but I have briefly spoken of my slight experience in front of you. Probably some leaders here have felt and experienced much more. I believe I am standing here today because True Mother felt she needed to set me up in a formal and difficult position such as this one to educate me, because I still have much to learn. I believe that Mother has been so concerned about education that she placed me here today to give you a welcoming address in order to educate me. I hope you can all teach me a lot.

When it comes to the development of our church from when our elders attended True Parents in the early days until the time of the global expansion, I am sincerely grateful to our leaders, members and elders because I wonder whether the providence could have grown to this extent without them. Of course, God's will is set to be realized; however, it may take more time and we may take the long way. There are also many cases when we caused trouble to True Parents because of our mistakes. From this perspective, even if I am a daughter-in-law within the True Family, I still have much to learn. I do not know many things. I lack in experience and I still do not know much about the actual mission fields. In light of this, I would be grateful if you could all teach me and guide me with a generous heart as though you were raising one of your own younger sibling.

Once more, all the first ancestor of clans that are to lead noble families have come here. When True Mother speaks of noble families, as a mother who is raising third-generation children in True Parents' family, I usually become quite concerned because I want to continue the noble family and I want to be able to raise children that can at least live up to it to some extent, half if possible.

Just as Mother said, she has set up a foundation to follow a public course through the Universal Peace Academy. I worry as to how I can educate my children in our faith and raise them as children that can clearly understand the center of our faith and clearly understand our Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

I know that some of our leaders are going through difficulties environmentally and I am sorry, but I must implore you, please, to continue. I humbly ask this of you and hope that by achieving it, you can ensure that your children and grandchildren are raised as descendants of noble families. True Mother hopes the same thing and continues to invest in us. You know that she is raising the younger second- and third-generation members through the Wonmo Pyeongae Scholarship Foundation. I sincerely ask of you again to please educate and raise our younger siblings. As elders who have first learned and first experienced our faith, you are the older brothers and sisters. I sincerely hope you can sacrifice a little bit more for your younger siblings, who still need to learn. I apologize for talking so discursively. One more point: regardless of the external expression, the basic point is that True Mother is always ready to do everything for her children as a parent. Whether or not we accept it, it is our responsibility. However, I realized on many occasions that she is ready to give everything, even if it means jumping in a fire pit. I wanted to convey this to you. Thank you very much. **JW**

Toward Constancy of Heart

By Thomas Hwang

This is an edited excerpt from a presentation given at World National Leaders Assembly 2014, at the Cheongshim Youth Center on 1.15 (February 14). It was the first opportunity for the recently appointed international vice-president to introduce himself to national leaders. He did so briefly and then spoke deeply of mission work and of True Parents' hearts.

Brothers and sisters, thank you so much for this opportunity to introduce myself and explain some aspects of my new mission. I spent thirty-three years in overseas missions, since 1980. Just last March I returned because True Parents called all Adam national messiahs to Korea, my home country. I have mission experience in the United States, from 1980 until December 1985. In 1985, I went to China with my wife as an English teacher in a college. I lived in China for twenty-seven years, thirteen years in Beijing and in Harbin and then fourteen years in Hong Kong. The year after we arrived there, China took over Hong Kong.

The Korea I left behind thirty-three years ago is a totally different country now. I feel as if I am a foreigner in Korea. I came to Korea to do the new tribal messiah mission, which True Parents gave to all national messiahs. Soon after returning, my wife and I got the mission of helping to translate the new *Cheon Seong Gyeong* from Korean into English, the initial translation. Last September True Mother gave me this mission with the world mission department. That's why I am here, to work with you. Many of you are familiar to me, even though we have never had much chance to talk personally. I am always happy to see you.

I have witnessed the expansion of the heavenly kingdom, Cheon Il Guk, over the last thirty-three years. Cheon Il Guk is consistently growing from one's heart, on the individual level, to the social level and the national level. *This is our destiny. All those in the world, without knowing Divine Principle, are blind. We are opened-eyed. Without knowing Divine Principle, ignorance, losing one's eyesight, is inevitable. This means that fallen people have all been blind, since Adam and Eve lost their eyesight, but now when we understand the Divine Principle, we can see the way to go. That's why we are so grateful all the time.*

We are the first generation in history that can say to our children, "You must follow me, go the way that I went." This is our standard; if we lose this standard, we are losers, but if we are on track, centering on the Principle, we are the only people that can say this to our children with absolute confidence, which we learned from our True Parents' unwavering understanding and conviction. I am not here to preach to you. This is my personal feeling, and I'm sure you understand and share that feeling.

I feel that my new mission came out of the blue. It was God-given. Seeing you is my joy and happiness. I always think about how I might help and serve you from my office. I will try to be humbly supportive.

True Parents and the environment

"Let us become true owners of Cheon Il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent." Mother walked into the room and opened with these

words. True Mother is the one person that can say this very naturally. It fits her character and her nature. Whenever I see her, True Mother—with her whole heart, spirit and mind—is facing God. No person, no feeling, no one's agenda can come between her and God. The wave flowing between God and True Mother is genuine.

We have heard Mother speak of the creation of the environment many times since Foundation Day, a year ago. I have often wondered what it means. Even to this day, I wonder. I understand somewhat, but I ask myself why Mother emphasizes the environment so much.

When True Mother assigned me on September 23, what she said shocked me. She said that the Unification Church had been a heartistic community once upon a time, but these days she described it with the Korean word *황량하다*—dry, a wasteland, desolate. I feel very sorry about this. Mother said that we have to restore our original heart and the early church heart, when we were happy just knowing Divine Principle, seeing our new members and embracing them with our whole heart. We dedicated ourselves to restore every individual with absolute love and faith. We enjoyed our activities. Nowadays it is not like this, and True Mother feels uncomfortable in this environment. This is my interpretation when Mother speaks about the environment. We have to repent for the situation being like this, if Mother feels this way. This is my honest feeling.

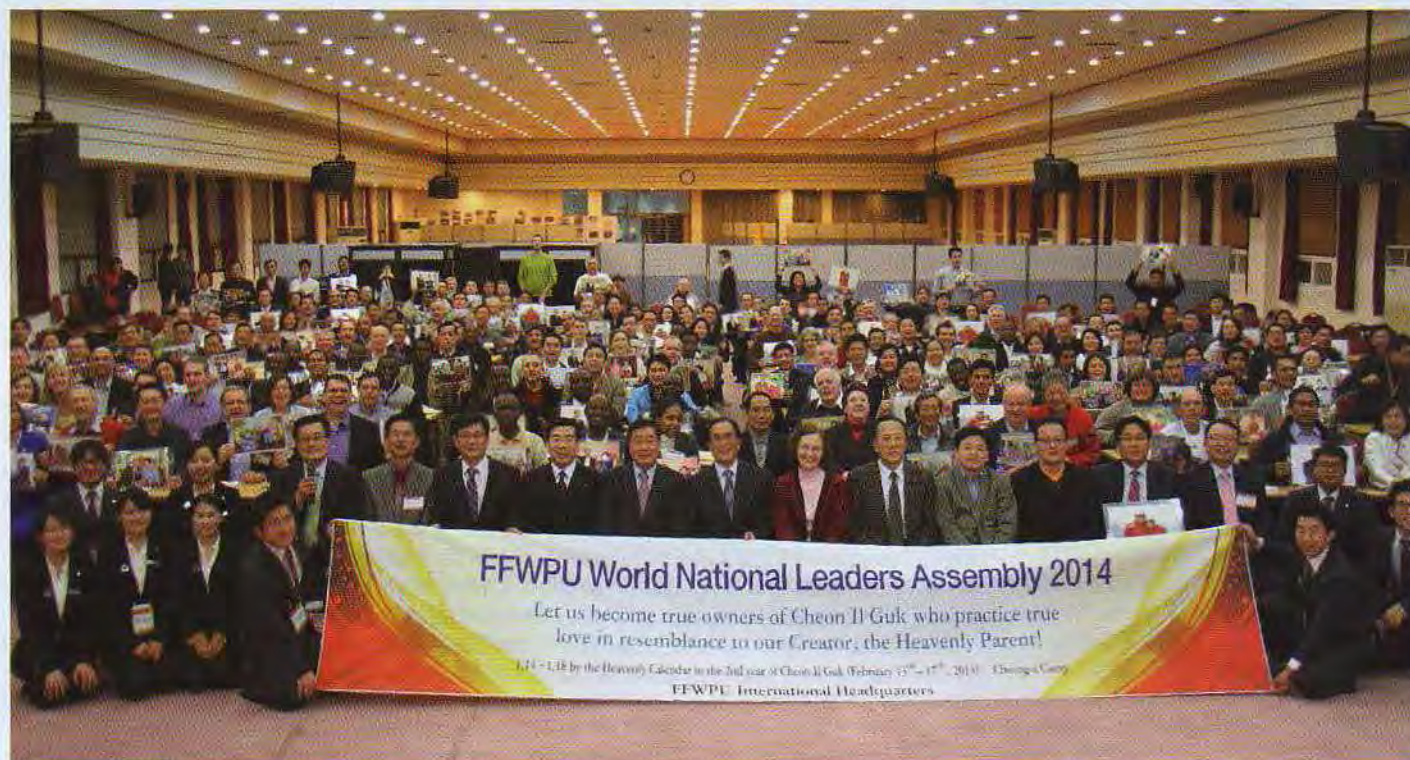
When I saw Father when he was younger and when he was ninety-two years old, he was the same person, with the same mind, same spirit, same heart. I am sure you witnessed the same things and that you have the same heart as Father. That is why we are here today. We cannot forget this; we cannot discard this precious feeling for our eternal life, for our children's eternal lives. This is the absolute faith foundation. That is why we are here, to protect this. The faith of all humanity depends on it. Since we have such a strong sense of responsibility, we are here. No matter what kind of situation we face, we are here because we know the Principle and we know the

ideal, which created a burning fire in our hearts that nobody can extinguish. True Parents are the answer. Mother keeps saying this: True Parents are the answer. If people knew True Parents, the world would be saved. The world would be so happy and the world would be the kingdom of God. To Mother it is real, and we understand. If humanity receives True Parents, every problem will disappear in a moment.

I went to North Korea with True Parents and I witnessed the luncheon meeting between Kim Il-sung and True Father. After the luncheon, Father raised Kim Il-sung's hand and said, "We are brothers, now, aren't we?" This is what Father declared. At that moment, do you know what I felt? All of a sudden, all of the enemies disappeared. Kim Il-sung had tried to kill Father so many times, and as long as he viewed us mainly as the enemy, we were not safe. The communists could come south at any time. If they managed to occupy our country, they could smash us, wipe us out immediately. They are merciless. Yet, at that moment, I felt that the enemy had become a true brother and the world had changed all of a sudden. Such an amazing feeling filled my heart. Great relief I felt. That was Father's effort to create a new environment, by getting rid of the enemy and ridding the world of that sinful environment.

Mother's attention to our young people

True Mother's teachings are raising young leaders. Those in the second generation are the bearers of True Parents' victorious legacy. They must be the rock upon which True Parents can build the eternal heavenly tradition. Is our second generation doing well, healthy, safe? These are True Mother's concerns and True Mother thinks deeply about how to raise those in our second generation. That's why Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation invested in our young people, inviting them to study in Korea on full scholarships. In Sun Moon University, we have sixty people studying Korean on a scholarship. Brazil sent twenty-three people. I wonder why more people aren't



Participants and staff of WNLA 2014, holding photographs given by True Mother, after breakout sessions on the final day of the assembly. Two hundred and seventy members from ninety-nine nations participated.

there. The Brazilian team is working hard.

From now, how can you make best use of the Wonmo Pyeongae Foundation? It is a good opportunity. This is not only for your children; we would like to invite potential national leaders to Korea on a full scholarship. Please use our office to find the best way to utilize the Wonmo Pyeongae scholarship program. Please pay attention to it.

From True Mother's guidelines at the conclusion of 2013, I selected the word 명문가, meaning distinguished royal family member. Here, all of us, you and I, belong in this category. We are Heavenly Father's distinguished royal family. Do you feel that? If you feel that, you are. That's for sure.

Once when I met Father, he asked, "Do you know that Chinese people love me?" Father thinks that Chinese people love him. Why? Because he loves Chinese people and in his heart, there is no question that since I love you, you should love me. There is no other way. I realized after thinking about it that this is Father's feeling. Even though he was the Victor Over Communism leader, when the opportunity came, and China opened up, he invested in his biggest project, Panda Motors. When the China Spring happened in 1989,¹ all the foreign businesses pulled out of China, but when China opened to us, Father invested in his biggest project, the Panda project, an automotive venture. It did not work out well, but Father had no hesitation. He mobilized all our resources.

I heard Father's prayer at the opening ceremony. I was standing behind him. Father prayed, I want to make this place, the heart and the center of automobile technology in Asia and I want to bring an equal level of technology for humanity centered on this automobile factory.

Father prayed like that. His intention was sharing his love and wanting to do something for the Chinese people. I was

1 He is referring to non-violent street demonstrations in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, in response to which the government sent in the national army, leading to the deaths of many students that had been demanding democracy.

always amazed that Father was an anti-communist leader but when the chance came, he wholeheartedly embraced the opportunity and invested whatever he had, one hundred percent.

He also sent leaders of the International Highway Project to meet Chinese leaders to explain the project to them, because that highway would be a way to break down barriers between countries. In 1985, Japanese leaders, including Kajikuri sensei,² went to China to meet China's vice-president to explain the international highway concept.

So, Father absolutely no doubt that Chinese people loved him. It must be true; he did not doubt it. His long life was like this. We met True Parents, and True Parents blessed us, so we know the way to go. We have no more questions.

Mother's final word is on productivity and having creative minds.

Since we know the Divine Principle, we have everything we need. Now we have to take initiative and use our own creativity to carry out our responsibilities and bring results. As mature, responsible beings, we need to practice what we pledge every day.

We pledge every day. We must fulfill our pledge. Finally, I want to express my feelings. Whenever I meet Mother, I feel that Mother is very strong, like Father. Mother has maintained the same heart, mind and spirit alongside True Father for more than fifty years. Mother is not different from Father, which is how she could complete the Coronation Ceremony of God's Kingship with True Father, and open the substantial era of Cheon Il Guk on Foundation Day.

Mother is very strong and because of Mother, we can keep going. We are marching on, no question about it. Father's foundation will continue to flourish. **TW**

2 This is a Japanese term of respect that literally means "teacher."



Universal Peace Academy cadets helped staff WNLA 2014, bringing a bright, youthful spirit to this year's assembly.



The Victory of the First Anniversary of the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk

Rev. Ryu Kyeong-seuk, president of FFWPU-Korea, gave this Sunday sermon on 1.24 (February 23) at Cheon Bok Gung.

Significant events to realize an ideal world of peace on earth were held to celebrate the first anniversary of the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk. Through the joy of seeing the festivities and seeing that one or two ideals that Heaven has hoped for will come to fruition, we could dedicate victory to our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all local regional heads, public leaders and members for their hard work toward the victory of the Foundation Day commemorative events.

True Mother called me and heads of providential organizations today and spoke about how we can harvest the providential results our Heavenly Parents desire in 2014. One thing I always experience, whenever I see True Mother, is how deep and extensive her experience and knowledge of the providence is. As people who must achieve Vision 2020 while attending our noble True Mother, our most essential task is finding how we can define the teachings given to us and materialize them within our lives.

What can we truly pass down to our descendants? Many people have come and gone throughout history. Most live a regular life but others are remembered as saints, sages or simply as great men or women for their considerable contributions to the nation or world, to the prosperity and welfare of humanity or to the future and the providence.

For example, President George Washington, who led the fight for the independence of the United States and President Abraham Lincoln who contributed to the liberation of slaves are among the most respected presidents in the United States. Here, the life of President Abraham Lincoln gives us a very special lesson. He entered politics at the age of twenty-two and by the time he was elected president at the age of fifty-two, he had already experienced defeat in nine elections. He repeatedly suffered bitter defeats in his campaigns to become a state lawmaker, a congressman and senator and was not chosen by the people during his first attempt at a presidential election. Hence, we can say that the life of Abraham Lincoln itself was not such a successful life.

Finally in 1860, he was elected as president and it was during his term of office that

he made the historical achievements of bringing about the emancipation of slaves and of bringing together the northern and southern parts of the country as the United States of America. This can be regarded as one of the most important foundations that had to be prepared for the returning Messiah from the Heaven's providential perspective. He greatly contributed to not only United States history but also to Heaven's providence. The lesson left by the saints, divine sons and great men who came and went in history through their lives is not how they lived but what results they left behind.

We are opening a new providential era as citizens of Cheon Il Guk while attending True Parents. At this time, Heaven has called us and bestowed upon us a historic mission and responsibility. What can we achieve as people that Heaven's providence has called? What will we leave behind for our descendants ten, twenty, fifty, a hundred or a thousand years from now? How do you want to be remembered by your descendants?

The answers to these questions cannot be given only verbally. We must be able to show the answers through our lives. After True Parents called us all into the new history of Cheon Il Guk, they hope that we put into practice their teachings and live victorious lives.

Your individual lives are important but when it comes to the life you led, attending True Parents, at the center of the providence, you should also be able to answer the question, What did I truly do for the providence and for God's will?

This is the fateful task of all brothers and sisters of the Unification family. True Parents perfected, concluded and completed all missions given to them by Heaven and opened the era of the substantial Cheon Il Guk. They hope that we can set up the status of citizens of Cheon Il Guk as people that have all been called into the new history and that we achieve the vision Heaven has given us within our lives.

Foundation Day and a changing world

We have begun 2014, passed the first year of Cheon Il Guk,

entered the era of settlement and celebrated the first anniversary of the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk. We held a total of twenty-eight providential events including international conferences, peace symposiums, sharing and service, culture and the arts to properly dedicate this historic day in accordance to the will of our Heavenly Parent and that of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

While directly supervising and participating in the commemorative events, I could identify three major changes. First, the walls—under the names “nation,” “religion” and “language” that had separated humanity throughout the six-thousand-year history since the Fall, committed by our first ancestors, are collapsing. People are looking at the Unification family from a new perspective as it seeks to achieve a world of peace and harmony.

Second, people have started to show interest in the invisible world, apart from the real world—politics, economy, society, media, culture, the arts, etc. The world is paying attention to the Unification family as it presents the clearest teachings regarding the reality of the spiritual world.

Third, the final destination humanity desires to go to is the ideal world. Numerous thoughts, philosophies and religions talk about the ideal world, but none compare to the vision of Cheon Il Guk that True Parents proclaimed. Those pursuing and longing for an ideal world will naturally find their way to True Parents' teachings, thereby more deeply and sincerely illuminating True Parents' ideology and lives.

I would like to offer my deep gratitude and respect to True Mother at this time of change, because these changes have accelerated as True Mother has commanded the Unification family.

The walls that have separated us are collapsing in this new era. Divisive elements such as envy and jealousy, hate, suffering and pain, persecution and ordeals that evil has governed, are disappearing and a culture of love, peace, understanding and sharing is being established. True Mother's leadership, which is based on true love, is presenting new hope to our



On 1.14 (February 13) during the victory celebration in Cheon Jeong Gung, the Supreme Council members received their plaques of appointment. One member, Farley Jones, arrived later. From left: Choi Yeon-ah nim, Julia Moon, Kim Hyo-nam, Kim Young-hwi, Lee Jae-suk, Ryu Kyeong-seuk, Kim Jin-chun, Song Yong-cheon, Oyamada Hideo, Kim Ki-hoon and Thomas Walsh



True Parents on their birthday in 2009

world which is filled with pain, discouragement and despair. This hope is bearing actual fruit in the field again.

Members' lives of practice

A few days ago, I had the opportunity to talk to a peace ambassador. He confessed, "I have taken part in UPF activities as a peace ambassador for seven years; during this time, I unwittingly become immersed in the teachings of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Han Hak-ja Moon."

In order to deeply understand the Unification Church, he ended up living in the house of a Cheon Bok Gung¹ member. He followed the life of faith of that member, starting from hoondokhae early in the morning to prayers, church activities, attending worship services, etc., without fail. However, it was so hard that he gave up within four days.

Ever since, whenever he saw church members, he could feel his body tremble. He was afraid. Until then, he had thought lightly of blessed families and other Unification Church members. Seeing us sincerely conduct a life that is of a completely different dimension from that of the world, he concluded that it is truly difficult to be a Unification Church member.

I did not see him at Sunday services or events for quite some time for the above reason probably. Then I discovered him among the married couples receiving the blessing during the Foundation Day Blessing Ceremony. After the ceremony, I met him and asked, "How is it that you received the married couple blessing?"

After he separated from our church, he focused on societal activities for three or four months. Strangely, he kept meeting Unification Church members. Also, wherever he went he

found himself talking about peace ambassadors' activities and the originators of that initiative. He felt an invisible power and decided to reconnect with the church. While listening to his testimony, I thought about how, in a world that has not yet been restored, he could have such an experience. I believe that those in the spiritual world were with him and had intervened.

He returned to the church and listened to the Divine Principle again but could still not make a definite decision. After much thought, he went to the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center and liberated 245 generations of ancestors.

Heaven then gave him the precious realization that he had read the Divine Principle with humane eyes and listened to it with humane ears. He could finally look at Unification Church members' lives of faith from a perspective of the heart; he confessed that he found with certainty the kind of life that is most precious and thereby, decided to go through the Blessing Ceremony.

Presently, he is passionately partaking in UPF peace ambassadors' activities. Even though this is just a single example, such precious results are being formed in the field of our Unification family. Brothers and sisters, what do you think made this person change? It was our members' lives of practice. In other words, your lives are advancing Heaven's providence.

Testify boldly about True Parents

Having been invited to many large and small events, I have had more opportunities to lecture these days. Once the events are concluded, I get to meet the members of the National Assembly, chairmen of provincial assemblies and city councils,

¹ The headquarters church, in Seoul

governors and the community leaders in each area. Surprisingly, the first thing they speak about is the returning Lord, the Savior and Messiah who has come to earth, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak-ja Han Moon.

This was something unimaginable in the past. They no longer find these expressions—Savior, Messiah or True Parents—awkward at all. Being aware of the great love of True Parents toward humanity, the sweat, tears and blood they shed as they dedicated themselves for the realization of a world of peace, they sincerely respect and long for True Parents.

Who moved the hearts of these people? Of course the cooperation and intervention of the spiritual world played a part, but this was possible thanks also to the foundation that members of this community built by shedding blood, sweat and tears with the same heart and will.

I participated in the 2014 UPF Peace Ambassadors Launching Ceremony at the Cheongshim International Youth Center in Cheongpyeong a few days ago. Around three hundred peace ambassadors participated and most had prepared note-taking tools and were waiting for the event to start. In the past, participants just sat, listened and looked around like bystanders. However, participants of this UPF event knew the value of the rally and were ready to learn something through the event. As the program of the event progressed and time for the teachings and lecture came, I could feel that the time has changed by seeing participants actively taking notes. Participants found themselves naturally and seriously conversing about True Parents' providence, discussing how UPF should carry out activities for the peace movement in the future.

This is how the world is changing. The perspective from which people look at us is changing. This is not happening only in Korea. The same phenomenon is happening around the world. The gaze of the entire world is moving toward the Unification family today.

Journalists from several media outlets interviewed me before or after Foundation Day commemorative events. The attitude of the media has also greatly changed from the past. Before each interview, the journalists would all tell me the parts that touched them the most.

Their attitude toward us was different from that in their regular coverage and reporting on other organizations or groups. They were not simply taking photographs and conducting interviews out of obligation. According to the journalists, they felt their hearts inclined more toward us, and they asked us what we desired that they cover and report on. This is an aspect that has changed.

The age when we would call the press because of our needs has passed. We live today in an era when the press seeks us out in response to public interest. Aside from the national press, those from other countries such as the United States, England, Australia and the Philippines are all coming to Korea to cover us.

If our members look around carefully, you will also be able to experience the changed attitude of people toward us. This also means that we should not act carelessly anymore. We are all providential stars. You should always have in mind the position and duty of a blessed member wherever you go because the world is watching us.

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, also known as the Unification Church, is the religion that is leading the new era and the new culture. Who enabled this to happen? True Parents' providential experience and knowledge and our members' lives of practice brought about this result.

As blessed members, we must be able to proclaim proudly who True Parents are. As Cheon Il Guk citizens that are opening a new era, we must become even more confident. When we are strong and bold, Heaven will be by our side and will support us to greater extent in what we do.

A church with unquenchable fire

True Mother gave the following message knowing that a historic and victorious time was coming:

On January 13, 2001, the Coronation of God's Kingship was conducted but it did not mean getting only royal authority. We must proclaim the owner to both heaven and earth. In 2013, we regained a country and family and everything returned to its original position; hence, we must now cross on to one united world centered on God. There is no border between earth and heaven. Even though individuals and families are all in a contradictory state, we are living in the unification era where everything can become one.

FFWPU is attending the Heavenly Parent and the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and opening the era of unification on earth. Humanity desires to become one with us in actual life. Brothers and sisters, have you felt this change? If you haven't, please open the door and go outside yourselves. The world has lost its way. If human beings do not find true life and the truth, they will never be able to get away from a life of wandering. I am confident that those that live conscientious lives cannot help finding the Unification community. Let us all practice True Parents' teachings within our lives to enable people to easily find our Unification family.

True Mother, who knew of this new age earlier than anyone else, asked us to do the following:

Setting up plans is not what matters. Practicing is what matters. Please show me practice. We are in an era where we must demonstrate everything. Please do not sleep at night; be awake at all times to ensure that the fire in our church remains unquenchable, so that were True Father to look around at the world and sees the fire ablaze, he would come down even if he had to drag himself! I am asking you not to become a church that Father bypasses.

True Parents' hope and expectations toward us is not that big in the end. Everything that True Parents had to realize on earth has been completed already. When the right time comes, Heaven's works will envelop the entire earth. True Parents hope that all blessed members, beloved sons and daughters of the Unification family, that have followed this path after them can stand right at the center of it all when the right time comes.

We must all achieve True Parents' hope and expectation. This is the duty of Cheon Il Guk citizens, who attend True Parents. It is the way to become families of devoted children, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters.

We have ushered in a precious time as we set off on a new era after victoriously conducting the first anniversary of the Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day. I conclude my sermon here today with the hope that you deeply contemplate the path that we must follow and what we must achieve and that you become wise Cheon Il Guk citizens that can advance with a firm will and determination for the remaining part of 2014. **TW**



This interview of Rev. Ryu Kyeong-seuk, president of FFWPU-Korea, which took place in the Korean church headquarters building, focused on his role as chairman of the organizing committee of the Foundation Day anniversary events.



Today's World: What were True Mother's expectations for the first anniversary of Foundation Day?

Rev. Ryu: After I was appointed to this leadership position, the first thing that Mother said to me was that every single year from now on, she will guide the Unification family through two big events, Foundation Day and the anniversary of True Father's ascension.

True Mother then mentioned that Foundation Day is not just a church event or a church celebration but something of a Cheon Il Guk festival that anyone can take part in. Fundamentally, it is not for church members only. As for future anniversaries of Father's ascension, such as the second or third anniversary, it should become an event to let people know of the many accomplishments and results Father achieved in his lifetime. Mother also instructed that the second anniversary of Father's ascension become an event that reveals Father's achievements centered on North America and South America. In order to move in that direction, Mother instructed that Foundation Day be celebrated as a festival for all blessed families and to celebrate it, if possible, with ambassadors for peace and those connected to us.

Mother was actually disappointed at the end of Foundation Day and Father's ascension last year, particularly with Korea. What she expected was an event that the government and society recognized. In other words, True Mother had hoped that this Foundation Day anniversary be an event of this type.

This time, during the *Segye Times's* twenty-fifth anniversary, eighty members of the National Assembly¹ from both the governing party and opposition parties participated. In addition, three government ministers, from the Ministry of Unification, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family and the Ministry of Security and Public Administration attended the event.

When Christopher Hill² spoke at the National Assembly, twenty-three members of the National Assembly attended his lecture.

Knowing True Mother's expectations, the Korean church headquarters, under my direction, could bring about such results because they held on to absolute faith.

Please elaborate on "holding on to absolute faith."

I was inaugurated on October 26. We roughly had a hundred days until Foundation

¹ Korea's unicameral legislature

² A career diplomat, he was ambassador to the Republic of Korea July 2004–April 2005 and head of the U.S. delegation to the Six-Party Talks on the North Korean nuclear issue 2005–2009.

Day, not even a full four months. Having a short time, our only option was to prepare with absolute faith. After my inauguration, the headquarters went through many changes, too. With the new leadership, over half of the directors had changed. I visited sixty churches during this time. I set up a hundred-day condition for us to witness to all those with whom we had connections before Foundation Day.

We also had to prepare for the Foundation Day events themselves. It was a situation where I had to move forward trusting True Parents and the heads of providential organizations. I had three meetings with the heads of providential organizations. I also had three meetings with executive staff members among the ranks of directors in these providential organizations.

The headquarters did not set up a plan by itself and one-sidedly give instructions on how the events were to be conducted. We asked each providential organization what they were capable of doing. After collecting all the ideas, we prepared for the Foundation Day events.

The biggest challenge was the shortage of time. I had to report to True Mother every day and receive instructions from her directly. I also had meetings with the regional presidents³ through conference calls.

Not only was the time short but many changes had taken place within the organization. We had twenty fewer people working here than before. Everything was difficult in that state. We had no option but to move in faith, faith in True Parents.

In what ways were the various organizations represented?

For example, the *Segye Times*, UPF, WFWP, Youth Federation for World Peace, PWPA, Sun Moon University, etc.—twenty-eight events were conducted this time. However, the headquarters was not in charge of all these events. Providential organizations each prepared an event for Foundation Day to cause what True Parents desired to materialize; hence, meetings were necessary to coordinate everything and join hands. Under these circumstances, we could all unite more closely than at any other time.

Was there a sense that Father was working behind the scenes?

Before I became the president of FFWPU-Korea, I attended our Top Gun workshop.⁴ During this workshop Hyo-jin nim appeared many times to me and worked spiritually with me. While preparing for Foundation Day, this time, too, Hyo-jin nim often appeared spiritually.

In addition, many other members also felt other True Children, blessed members and elder members that are in the spiritual world working among them. When I report about different things to True Mother, I felt on many occasions that True Father was behind True Mother, working with her.

What I felt is that True Father is in True Mother and that True Parents are together.... The spiritual world is not something that is separate and distant. I felt that when True Parents are together much more is achieved. I experienced Father's great interest and Father working with Mother more than at any other time.

This may become a personal testimony, but when Hyo-jin

nim was still alive, he really loved me and often looked for me. He is in the spiritual world now, but he still spiritually works a lot with me now.

Two months before Hyo-jin nim passed away, around forty second-generation members met to celebrate Hyo-jin nim's birthday. We congratulated Hyo-jin nim in this way every year. This time, we will hold the sixth music festival to honor Hyo-jin nim through music. This type of event is not organized out of thin air just like that.

What do you expect the regional presidents and national leaders to take away from this experience?

I worked as an overseas missionary for three years in Russia, Ukraine and Croatia. I light of this, I thought about what leaders in the field would need from participating in this event. So, during this Foundation Day anniversary celebration, regional presidents and national leaders were all given the best seats in all the main events. The reason we did this so was to enable them to feel True Parents' love and thereby be able to convey it to their members.

We also considered how to make the regional presidents part of the program at as many events as possible.

In addition, a victory celebration was held the day after the main Blessing Ceremony and the first anniversary of Foundation Day. A PowerPoint presentation with the photographs



Before the Blessing Ceremony, a U.S. broadcasting company, ABC News, interviewing Rev. Ryu; Mr. Sakuwa, our member, is translating.

from all the events was made and presented in front of True Mother. This PowerPoint presentation was given to all the leaders. Additionally, although it is in the Korean language, an eighteen-minute video that covers all the events conducted was also given to all leaders.

When it comes to Vision 2020, leaders outside of Korea would all probably wonder how Korea plans to move ahead towards Vision 2020. Because of overlapping schedules, the vice-president of FFWPU-Korea gave a presentation on our plan instead of me. He presented the overall flow and details of projects through which Korea is planning to pursue Vision 2020.

World National Leaders Assembly 2014 had a much bigger budget than in past years, yet the organization committee supported everything to ensure that all leaders are well educated.

In short, one thing I deeply felt about this Foundation Day is that Heaven prepares many things for us and I could gain confidence that we can achieve greater results if we work hard. **JW**

3 He is referring here to the presidents of nine FFWPU regions (ten including Korea) around the globe.

4 Mother arranged this September 23–October 13, 2013 workshop for highly promising members of the second-generation realm.

A Foundation Day (2013) Testimony

HOW AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM CAME TRUE

By Erika Lajdova



I faced a predicament when I was deciding whether to go to Korea to attend Foundation Day last year. To go or not to go—the finances were limiting me, but the feeling that Foundation Day comes only once in all of history won.

I had three goals—to attend the Foundation Day events, to meet my three children, who are studying at Sun Moon University, and to sing in front of True Mother (this was my strongest desire, but looked to me like an impossible dream).

Korea is the chosen land and many things happen there based on the direction of your thoughts. I remembered that we had done an experiment with iron filings in physics class; we spread the filings out on a white piece of paper and saw that they were arranged chaotically. The moment we placed a magnet under the paper, however, the position of the iron filings accorded with the lines of magnetic force. The invisible magnetic waves arranged the filings in an organized way. Similarly, if we keep the heavenly laws, our Heavenly Parent can come and arrange everything as needed.

We scheduled our flight for February 19 but the plane would arrive on February 20, my birthday. I turned sixty last year, a round birthday.¹ As a joke, I said that I would celebrate my birthday in heaven, in the clouds. Looking back, I feel that my whole three-week stay in Korea was like celebrating my birthday. I received so much...

Finally the day we all longed for had come. Foundation Day was here. We woke up to a snowy morning and it was as if all of nature wanted to celebrate the day as clean and pure as it could be. Beautiful sisters in white dresses and brothers in dark suits were running in the hallways, preparing for their part in this special day.

When the program started, the hall was completely full. My husband, who participated in the leaders' meeting, surprised me with the news that I was also invited to Cheon Jeong Gung for the banquet, which was scheduled after the ceremony in Cheongshim Peace World Center, even though I was not a national leader.

The amazing program in the Peace World Center with True Mother and other members of the True Family was unforgettable. That is how new opportunities begin for us.

After the program, we went with all the leaders to Cheon Jeong Gung. We were seated at a table numbered eighty. Later someone came and moved us to table eight, which had the advantage of being very close to True Mother. We could see the stage clearly and thus the whole program. Eight, signifying a new beginning, is my favorite number. Besides other performances, our daughter Jana performed onstage with Australian CARP members because she had been helping them as a staff member during the days that the Australians had spent in Korea. We could also meet our other daughter Monika, who had been staffing for a UPF conference.

¹ In some cultures, a birthday that begins a new decade—thirtieth, fortieth, fiftieth, etc.—is called a "round birthday."

After the banquet in the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, we separated. My husband went to the Youth Center, and I went to the Cheongpyeong's Heaven and Earth Training Center, where I am always happy to be. I planned to meet my husband again on Thursday, February 28, at the Youth Center.

On the way there, I was thinking about biblical figures whose way of worshiping God was simple but sincere. Abel had a flute that he played for his sheep. David played the harp and composed psalms. When he fought Goliath, he used just a few pebbles and killed him. Francis of Assisi was called a "simpleton of God"—he left his home naked without taking anything with him and dedicated his life to the religious order. Mother Theresa also met presidents wearing only simple clothes and successfully asked them for donations for her patients. Somehow, I felt as if I were one of them, simple and empty. I had only a bottle of water and phone with me.

As I was approaching the Youth Center, I met a sister who told me that all of those at the leaders meeting were getting on buses and going to Cheon Jeong Gung to meet True Mother. I hurried and arrived, all sweaty, at the Youth Center. My husband got off the bus and told me that a sudden message came to go to Cheon Jeong Gung. We asked if I could go as well. The answer was yes.

The meeting with True Mother was not just a courtesy call. True Mother wanted a serious promise from us that we would take care of our nations until 2020.

The next day Friday, March 1, my husband came to Cheongpyeong for lunch and then we went to the Cheongpyeong bakery for ginger tea. We also needed to plan how to use the time in Korea as efficiently as we could. There were about five people there.

We were just about to stand up and leave, when a black car stopped just in front of the bakery and to our great surprise True Mother got out of the car and entered the bakery with Won-ju McDevitt,¹ one of True Mother's grandsons, a man and another woman.

They all came in and ordered ice cream for everyone inside. Suddenly the idea came to me to ask Mrs. McDevitt if I could sing for True Mother. My husband encouraged me to ask her. I went to the cashier where she was just paying for the ice cream and spoke to her. She asked True Mother. I was waiting and then True Mother agreed. I chose an Italian song "Mama," that I have known since I joined forty-one years ago. The song exactly fit my hearts' feelings: Mother, I am very happy to come back to you.... Mother, you will be with me, never will I be alone. Mother I love you so much. Mother, you are the core of my life!

True Mother asked where I was from. I told her I am from the Czech Republic. I started singing and I

¹ In Korea, she goes by Jeong Won-ju.



True Mother (in the red jacket) with Shin-joon nim while listening to the song that Erika is singing. Mrs. Won-ju McDevitt, Mother's personal assistant, is dressed in black.

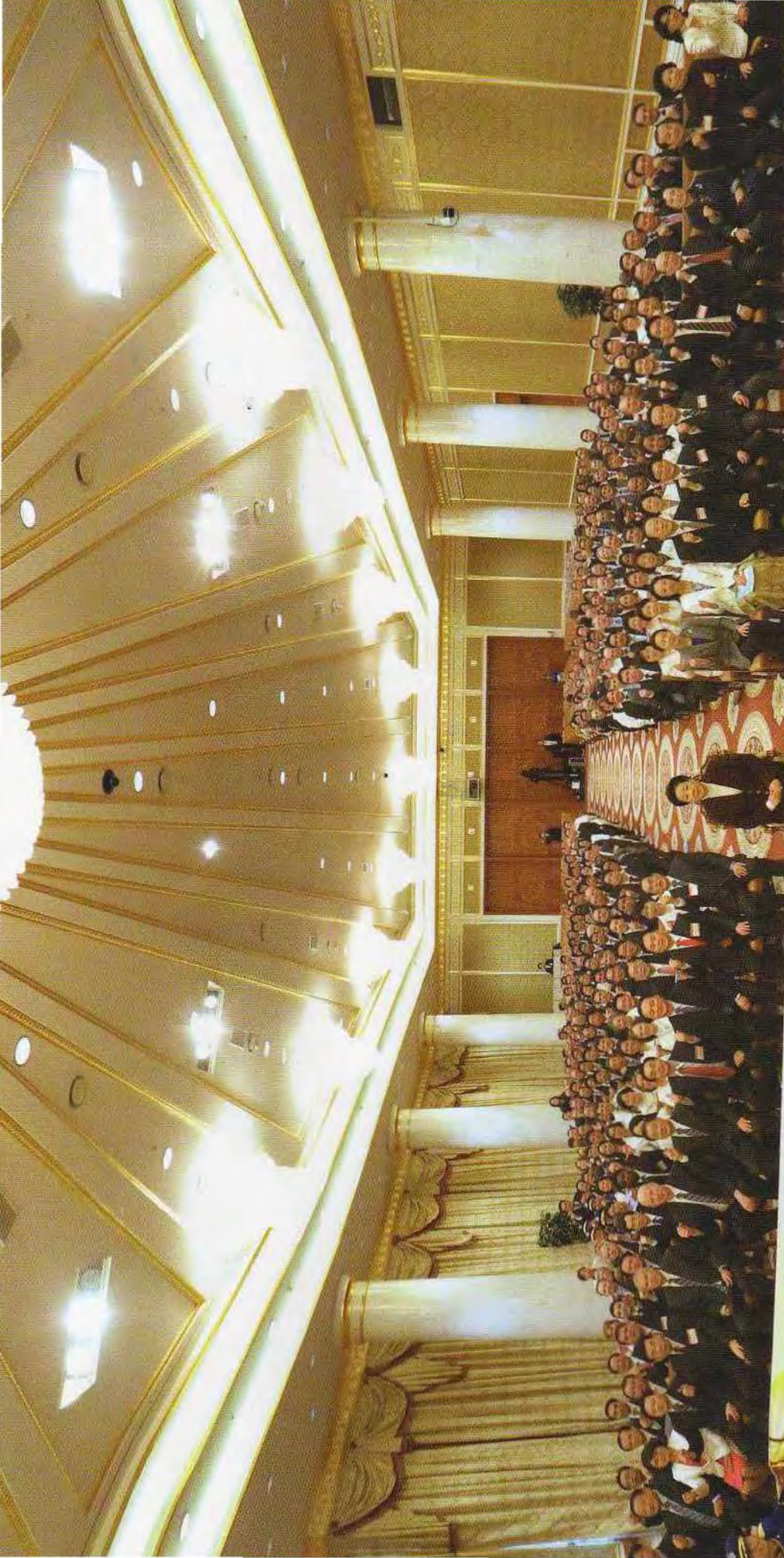
could see True Mother liked my song. My goal was to make True Mother happy. She sometimes appears sad, and it is obvious that she misses True Father very much. I believe she often wears sunglasses so that nobody can see how much she cries.

We all escorted this special group to the car and waved goodbye. The dream was over. Let's have impossible dreams and let's make them come true—be in the right place at the right time—is the lesson I saw in this.

I am so grateful; I wouldn't exchange any amount of money for this experience. My Foundation Day was deeply connected to True Parents. **TW**



Erika, her husband Juraj and their family united under the Tree of Love



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