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New Wine Skins

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After fourteen months without visiting Korea, international leaders were invited to our homeland to participate in the special events of late April and early May. The various programs centered on the combined celebrations of True Parents' sixty-first Holy Wedding Anniversary, Heavenly Parent's Day and True Parents' Day.

These newly merged holidays have been referred to as a "trinity." This made me think of the original Christian trinity, and I realized that True Mother is a theological genius. She never attended formal theological training, but bringing these three holidays together ignited a theological atomic bomb.

The original trinity consists of God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit. By tradition, each one is considered an individual entity, not part of a paired partnership. Additionally, each is only masculine. No feminine component exists within the Christian trinity. True Mother just pulled the carpet out from under this Christian doctrine. She expanded and lifted the triad up to its original position and composition.

Manifested in "Heavenly Parent's Day," God is no longer just a Father. Within the Godhead the concept of our Heavenly Parent incorporates equally masculine and feminine qualities. God is no longer transcendent, but eminent, taking on qualities of both a heavenly father and a heavenly mother.

Next, displayed in "True Parents' Day," is a new understanding of Jesus. The Son of God is no longer considered a never-to-be-married man or a life-time celibate. *Exposition of Divine Principle* says, "Christ must return in the flesh and find his bride. They will form on the earth a perfect trinity with God and become True Parents both spiritually and physically." (pg. 172). This idea is central to understanding True Parents' Day.

Finally, the confusion over the Holy Spirit's gender is put to rest. "The grammatical gender of the word for "spirit" is both masculine and feminine in Hebrew (רוח, rūah), neuter in Greek (πνεῦμα, pneuma) and masculine in Latin (spiritus). . . . In Aramaic, the language generally considered to have been spoken by Jesus, the word is feminine. . . . The Holy Spirit was furthermore equated with the (grammatically feminine) Wisdom of God by two early Church fathers, Theophilus of Antioch (d. 180) and by Irenaeus (d. 202 or 3)." The gender of the Holy Spirit is now clear. Like a mother it gives rebirth and comforts the weary, as the Bible indicates.


The Holy Spirit ultimately becomes the bride, the wife of the Lamb. She is the new heaven and new earth, the Holy City, the new Jerusalem in the book of Revelation 21. The Holy Spirit, although feminine is not to be alone. She is "a bride adorned for her husband." Thus, the marriage of the Lamb is the culmination of human history. It substantiates God's purpose of creation. This cosmic event deserves to be edified in the most glorious manner and should be alongside Heavenly Parent's Day and True Parents' Day.

The Bible acknowledges other qualities of the Holy Spirit—the advocate and teacher. "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:26)

True Mother continually instructs us to have new minds, new wine skins. She is giving us new wine. In rearranging the Holy Days to emphasize our True Parents' Holy Wedding as the most important event that will ever take place, True Mother reconstructed the concept of the trinity, explaining its natural, principled framework. Each position of the triad is now in a balanced pair system of both masculine and feminine natures.

True Father acknowledged the indispensable responsibility of a woman in family-building. In *As a Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, he explains, "The mother is the fortress that protects the family. No matter how much society may change, the family can stand as a healthy and peaceful family only if the mother has the heart to sacrifice and serve." (pg. 209) This not only applies to the role of every mother in every family, it most especially applies to True Mother.

At the time of their Holy Wedding, True Father humbled himself before the suffering he and his bride would need to go through, acknowledging that even he did not fully understand the sacrifices that would be involved. During the ceremony Father said to Mother, "God wants to bring about the kingdom of heaven on the earth through a true family. You and I will travel a difficult path to become True Parents who will open the gates to the kingdom of heaven for others. It is a path that no one else in history has traveled, so even I don't know all that it will involve." Mother replied, "My heart is already set. Please do not worry." (ibid, pg. 198.)

Indeed, True Mother's claim to be the substantiation of the Holy Spirit, God's only begotten daughter, and bearer of new wine is fully and completely justified. 

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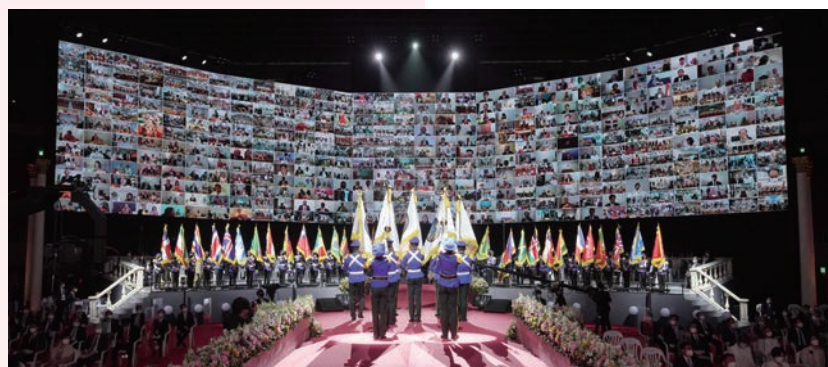
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Proclamations of True Parents' Ultimate Unity

In 2010, on the 8th day of the 5th month by the heavenly calendar (June 19) at 2:20 a.m. and the 15th day of the 5th month by the heavenly calendar (June 26) at 3:25 a.m., True Parents proclaimed in Las Vegas that they had achieved oneness in mind, oneness in body, oneness in thought and oneness in core with God, vertically, and that they had achieved ultimate unity horizontally.

On that foundation, they declared the completion, conclusion and closure of the Old Testament, New Testament and Completed Testament Ages, and the advent of the age in which God is all-immanent, all-transcendent, all-powerful and all-capable.

Then, on the 17th day of the 11th

month by the heavenly calendar (December 11) in 2011, True Father announced at Cheon Jeong Gung Palace, "Now that all beings in heaven and on earth are aligned with God the Creator's original standard of creation that has now been restored, I declare the completion, conclusion and closure of the entire providence and the final victory." Then he proclaimed, "All is finished!"

On the 17th and 18th days of the 11th month by the heavenly calendar (December 11 and 12) in 2011 at the Ocean Cheon Jeong Gung Palace, True Parents wrote the Proclamation of the Final Cheon Il Guk Victory, "God and True Parents are completely one. God is complete, perfected and fulfilled. Aju! Heaven is here.

Congratulations! Sun Myung Moon. Aju!"

Finally, on the 26th day of the 6th month by the heavenly calendar (August 13) in 2012, 21 days before his Holy Ascension on the 17th day of the 7th month (September 3), True Father, during his report prayer to our Heavenly Parent made the final official proclamation of his earthly life, with the following words, "Today, as I have returned the conclusion of the final perfection to you, Father, I know that up to this moment, I have offered my whole life to you. I am spending this time now to bring my life to its conclusion, to bring it to a close with utmost devotion, in accordance with Your Will. May the tribal messiahs

be able to fulfill the calling of national representatives. I have accomplished everything for this. I have completed everything. Aju!"

Now I am establishing the tradition that no one can match, either mentally or physically. With my mind fixed on heaven and earth, I am making countless conditions of devotion. When my conditions are so sincere that they touch both heaven and earth, Satan cannot invade what I am doing. It is mainly those conditions of devotion that prevent Satan from invading. My conditions enable family members in heaven and all the spirit persons in heaven to build a bridge to earth, and when those in the spirit world come down on that bridge and connect to my foundation, Satan cannot oppose them. This means that I have now laid all the foundations needed to fulfill the will.

Thus far, everyone opposed the path I was taking. America opposed me, the Soviet Union opposed me, China opposed me, Kim Il-sung opposed me, and all others opposed me. Yet I have overcome them all. My

mission is to defeat the left-wing communists and completely liberate the people in the communist world. I am working to unite all the people in Satan's realm and bind all humankind together, based on one standard.

Now there are no barriers for those on this path. There had been all sorts of barriers, but I tore them all down. I now have gone through all eight levels, from the individual to God, so that I can make the environment free of barriers. The unity that I am referring to is unity of the individual, unity of the family, unity of the tribe, unity of the people, unity of the nation, unity of the world, and unity of heaven and earth. By tearing down the walls of Satan's world and forming an environment of unity, I am trying to recover the original fatherland.

I have to represent four thousand years of history; that is why I have not been able to sleep comfortably for the past forty years. I have faced opposition from all people and all nations. During that time, I struggled desperately to find out how to overcome that opposition on the levels of the indi-

vidual, family, tribe, nation, world and cosmos. To overcome those obstacles, I had to take a path completely different from the paths in Satan's world. While communicating with God, who was with me behind the scenes wherever I went in heaven and on earth, I tore down the walls of Satan's world one by one. By breaking down all the walls I built a highway from the individual level to the levels of the family, tribe, people, nation, world and all of heaven and earth. These efforts restored human beings to the positions of Adam and Eve before they fell.

Now God can be with us wherever we go. I recovered this position for humankind. Heaven's world is advancing, and Satan's world is retreating. Satan cannot interfere with God's world any longer. Whenever heaven advances, Satan has no choice but to surrender.

I broke down all the walls in front of me—eight levels of walls from the individual and family to the nation and beyond. Over the past forty years I have prepared the path for Adam and Eve to return, so they can move



The Proclamation of the Embodiment of God's Word and the Era of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind at Cheon Jeong Gung on July 8, 2010



True Parents in Seoul happily welcoming guests to the fifth World Media Conference on October 4, 1982

back and forth. Now that path is complete. It is a path that will remain even after I have returned to God.

Numerous religions and nations opposed me, but I did not oppose them. Yet I did not die; I am still alive. Now I have finished everything. Therefore, even if I die now, it doesn't matter. This is because the truth I have brought will continue to exist. The Principle will remain; it is the teaching that was declared victorious at the trial in God's court. Even Satan cannot deny it.

Adam should complete restoration in his own generation. Since all the issues of restoration must be resolved within True Parents' generation, you have no idea how busy we are.

That is why we conduct proclamation ceremonies. Through these ceremonies we plant flags to make God the owner. Once we plant a flag, God and True Parents have the authority of dominion over that territory; it no longer belongs to Satan's domain. That is why, when we returned to Korea after traveling to

Russia and America, we made proclamations throughout the nation. By so doing, we drove in posts, to signify that we prepared an environment in which the people of Korea would not oppose us but would welcome us. After we did this, Satan had to retreat.

If people believe these proclamations and come into the realm of these proclamations, Satan cannot take them away. It is as if a person who formerly lived without a nationality joins a nation with a newly drawn national boundary and lives in accordance with the laws of that new environment; then he or she can belong to its people.

A problem would arise in the spirit world as well as on earth if I did not disclose that I am the one who comes into the world with God's Divine Seal as the True Parent, the Savior, the Messiah and the king of peace, the one long sought by humanity. That is why I made the proclamation as to who I am. That proclamation can be likened to proclaiming a constitution that has already been ratified. Those

who are not in accord with it will fall behind, and those who are in accord with it will move forward and remain forever.

I have become the standard for perfection on all levels; my position is above the constitution, just as the constitution is above all other laws. Therefore, I must disclose everything, without hiding anything. I have not done it yet, but by the time I leave earth I should be able to say, "I have finished everything." I should be able to say that everything I did and all that I connected with in my surroundings had a reason and a purpose for the fulfillment of the will.

Then, when I go to the spirit world, I should be able to begin taking firm root there. Earth also will unite in partnership with the spirit world, and together they will form the kingdom of peace. What I am saying is serious. I have come this far, pouring out my utmost devotion, in order to transcend the realm of life and death, and to remove death once and for all. I am proclaiming this now for your sake.



True Parents at the Cheongpyeong workshop site on August 13, 1972 during a national subregional leaders' workshop

God is invisible, yet I must be able to attend him as the True Parent even better than I would attend anyone visible to my physical eyes. I have a responsibility to follow the way of light amid the light, to remove the darkness, and to reach the position where I can liberate all people from the realm of hell. I must erase Satan's footprints and even his shadow from the realms of the spirit world.

When I have completed my portion of responsibility, God should be able to say, "This is My world, My heaven and My earth." When there is no distinction between day and night, only brightness 24 hours a day, the sovereignty will belong to God alone, not to Satan. Only after I hand over everything to God can I declare that the indemnity has been paid and liberation and complete freedom have been achieved. Then we will be in the realm where the portion of responsibility is fulfilled.

That realm is the realm of liberation. No longer will there be barriers in the spirit world, such as the barriers


between heaven and hell. The steep valleys in the spirit world will be leveled into plains. All people will be able to live with their ancestors in the spirit world as they please. If you call out to your ancestors, they will come to you; and after listening to them, you will be able to follow their guidance. Once I establish this original standard, God should be able to declare, "I have finished everything." Once I have completed the ideal of creation, it also means that God has fulfilled his portion of responsibility.

The first human beings fell due to their ignorance of the Principle and its laws. Therefore, True Parents must teach humanity about these things and create the realm of oneness. Then peace will dwell in the realm of liberation—the ideal kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven, the realm of the original homeland. Then the liberation of the fatherland, where everyone attends God, will begin. I have overcome all the obstacles.

When I think about what I have done, it seems like a dream. I wonder,

how could I have done all this? I never thought that it was I who did it, not even in my dreams. It was God who did it. He prepared everything, inside and out. He set up the entire framework; He trained me and made foundation upon foundation so that I could complete my work. I am saying that Heaven toiled much more than we can ever imagine. That is why, whatever happens in my life, I live without complaining.

Due to the Fall, human beings lost their original hometown and original fatherland. Yet Planet Earth is our original homeland; and the place where God dwells is our original fatherland. Early in my life, I already knew how to become a filial son, a patriot, a saint, a divine son and a king. When it comes to the fundamental issues, there was nothing that I did not know. That is why I know how to build the kingdom of heaven on earth and the kingdom of heaven in heaven.

I told you that the era of the Fourth Adam's realm is approaching. On *Chil Pal Jeol* (7-8 Day), we took firm root as True Parents. On that basis, on *Gu Gu Jeol* (9-9 Day) and *Sam Shib Jeol* (3-10 Day), I proclaimed the realm of liberation. As the True Parent, I have eliminated everything by which Satan made himself the false father, and I have recreated the entire basis for God's dominion that Satan destroyed. I have thereby completed the restoration of everything. By doing so, I have ushered in the era for building the unified world, the kingdom of heaven on earth based on the ideal of the family. The original world, the realm which has nothing to do with the Fall, has been empty for thousands of years, awaiting the Fourth Adam. Now, based on the realm of liberation that I established, this realm will be filled all at once. The foundation has been completed for God to be liberated, and even for Satan to receive forgiveness and enter the kingdom of heaven. I too must be liberated. What liberates me is to rescue the people in the dungeons at the rock bottom of hell and bring them with me to the kingdom of heaven. 

This is from Chambumo Gyeong, Book 1, Chapter 2, section 4, beginning with the red text in 16 to the end of 25.

EVENTS TO RETURN JOY TO OUR HEAVENLY PARENT

True Mother announced, on May 8 last year, that beginning this year, we would celebrate Heavenly Parent's Day and True Parents' Day together on the same day as the sixty-first anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding, April 27.

The Youth Blessing Festival

As if to prepare the spiritual atmosphere for this significant occasion, True Mother called on young people in our first, second and third generations to participate in a Youth Blessing Festival (at which some matchings took place) on March 27, Korea time.

How much joy our Heavenly Parent must have experienced when (after having maintained their purity and overcome struggles) these young people experienced those tender first moments of getting acquainted with each other and later participated in the April 25 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival Celebrating the Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding? The Blessing was conveyed in a two-way interactive platform to more than six thousand matched couples from sixty-four countries.

What a joyous way to welcome in this year's special period of events and celebrations! Naturally, in the time of a worldwide pandemic, the Blessing Festival took place mainly online with those taking part in the Cheongshim World Peace Center following strict protective protocols.

Pledge Service

Pledge Service to celebrate the fifty-fourth Heavenly Parent's Day and the sixty-second True Parents' Day took place on April 27 at the Cheongshim World Peace Center. True Family members, Sun Jin Moon and her husband In-sup Park, and Kwon-jin Moon and his wife Hwa-yeon Chun, participated virtually from abroad. Many members from various regions also took part in the holy day Pledge Service from a distance.

Dr. Young-ho Yun, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, led the audience through the Pledge. Before beginning, he explained, "We are now in the era when Heavenly Parent, as the vertical True Parent of humanity, is dwelling with and leading the providence. That is why, last year on May 8, True Mother proclaimed Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. In accordance with this new era, True Mother mentioned that we needed to change the rituals associated with this important joint holy day. . . . True Mother said the Pledge Service should introduce a new tradition. The bowing ceremony is one that all of humanity needs to follow. When all of humanity is restored to our Heavenly Parent's bosom, this will be the fundamental hyojeong ceremony that should be offered to Heavenly Parent by all of humankind. That is why Mother changed the name from "Pledge Service" this year to "Commemorative Cheon Il Guk Pledge Service."

"Second, True Mother gave some guidance about couples. Before the Cheon Il Guk era began, the husband would stand in front and the wife in the back. Now, the couple should stand side by side with the husband on the right and the wife on his left. All of the couples offering bows should be representative leaders, especially Cheonbo families. The attire should be the Cheonbo attire, so I am wearing the gold bow tie and handkerchief [in his breast pocket], which we received during the Cheonbo Entrance Ceremony; for the women, it should be a white or a cream-colored dress. . . . Third, regarding the offering table and the lighting of the holy candles, Mother gave some important guidance, earlier, on True Parents' holy birthday, and we've been carrying it out. The meaning is in regards to Heavenly Father and Heavenly Mother—in

other words, you and Heavenly Parent are achieving a trinity. In the past, there was the Trinity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The trinity is the heavenly Father, the heavenly Mother and Heavenly Parent. So it's Heavenly Parent and True Father and True Mother together—that is the Trinity. That is why, in the past, True Parents would light the candles, but now, in the era of the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk, representatives that True Parents have raised light the candles. So, today, for example, members of Hyo-jin nim's and Heung-jin nim's families will light the candles....

"Regarding the offering table, in Hawaii, True Mother had instructed those that prepare offering tables that there should be seasonal fruits on the offering table but also always jujubes, chestnuts, pears and persimmons. Persimmons symbolize unity and the transmission of the lineage from the first to the second generation. Pears symbolize the citizens of heaven as well as firmly establishing traditions among humanity. There can be a garden of fruit, but in the front there should always be those four fruits. Together, they symbolize the absolute unity among Heavenly Parent, True Father and True Mother."

After Dr. Yun's introductory message, Yeon-ah Moon, wife of Hyo-jin Moon and Hoonsook Moon, wife of Heung-jin Moon came onstage and reverently lit the holy candles. Many blessed families attended the Pledge Service.

The Cheonwon Gung Ridge Beam Ceremony

Later the same day, April 27, the Cheonwon Gung Ridge Beam Ceremony took place. A Korean tradition calls for a ceremony when a building gets to the advanced point of its construction that the ridge beam can be lifted into place. The ridge beam bears the weight of the roof, transferring that weight to the outer walls and posts. What follows is from Dr. Yun's MC script that day.

The place where Heavenly Parent's dream begins, the place where the ideal of one cosmic family of humankind that attends God as their Heavenly Parent unfolds, is none other than HJ Cheonwon. The Cheonwon Garden at the foot of Mt. Jangrak facing the beautiful sky and clear Cheongpyeong lakeshore, is the base for the HJ Cheonwon Project, which seeks to realize the dream and hope of Heavenly Parent and True Parents, and thereby presents to humanity the ideal model of a world of peace. Cheonwon Gung is the most important HJ Cheonwon project that is being undertaken with the goal of dedicating its completion in May 2023.

The completed Cheonwon Gung is to be a holy temple where Heavenly Parent will reside, and as the central office of Cheon Il Guk, it will become the center wherein True Parents will be attended and Heavenly Parent's sovereignty of goodness will unfold. Furthermore, as the central place of education for humanity, it will become a place wherein True Parents' cosmic victories will be remembered and passed on, and a place wherein all people will converse and share with one another based on the Cheon Il Guk culture of heart.

The construction site of Cheonwon Gung is located on a site of about 49,589 square meters, with a total area of 81,652 square meters. It consists of four stories below ground and three stories above ground. It is a modern reinterpretation of the architectural style of the Renaissance period. The exterior of the building is decorated with Omani marble and granite. The interior is a beautiful stone building with marble finish based on the Doric style of Greek architecture. The main building is decorated with five domes, and on the opposite side is an obelisk-shaped tower that symbolizes Heavenly Parent's victory. On the left and the right is an outdoor park symbolizing the original garden of Eden, and an azalea park as an expression of True Parents' essence.

Inside Cheonwon Gung, at its center point, is the Cheon Il Sanctum, the central temple of Cheon Il Guk, where Heavenly Parent is present. In the space surrounding the Cheon Il Sanctum will be different administrative organizations of Cheon Il Guk where various external affairs will take place to lay the foundation for the firm establishment of a heavenly unified world. On the floor beneath the sanctum will be an exhibition hall on True Parents' life courses, their cosmic victories and achievements.

In addition, Cheonwon Gung will also have a grand ballroom and convention facilities where we can host various international conferences, cultural performances and special exhibitions. It will also have facilities that provide guests with an experience of cultural diversity. In addition, the grass square in front of the main building is a space where guests can rest or where we can hold various events, including commemorations or performances.

In an art museum located next to the plaza, works by world-renowned contemporary artists will be installed both in the outdoor park as well as inside the gallery. Around eighty national treasure-level Korean traditional artworks representing Korea will be carefully selected and displayed as well. This will enable visitors to enjoy diverse artwork from both the East and the West.

As such, Cheonwon Gung is Heavenly Parent's temple and the center of Cheon Il Guk, which will be built on the foundation of True Parents' devotion and hard work to realize Heavenly Parent's dream of bringing about an ideal world of peace for humanity. It will be a wellspring of hope, in which visitors can deeply experience Heavenly Parent's love, establish proper values and find the proper direction to take in life. The HJ Cheonwon Project will provide the infrastructure that will allow visitors to experience, through nature and culture, the model of the ideal world of peace that True Parents have sought to realize. Cheonwon Gung will be at the center of it all.

UPF's International Leadership Conferences

Hundreds of people the world over are accustomed to coming from their home country to Korea to attend a UPF International Leadership Conference at this time of year. This year, from April 28 to May 1, UPF held virtual ILCs, which collectively gave access to the knowledge of four hundred experts to various audiences in six different regions, all focused on the theme, "Toward Peaceful Reunification on the Korean Peninsula: Creating the Foundation for a Unified World." Participants in the hundreds of thousands virtually attended ten sessions per conference, each with its own theme. UPF chapters regionally and UPF International worked hard to make the ILCs a great success. They succeeded in attracting audiences that fit into their primary associations (these are explained in the article beginning on page 18), which cover a wide swath of societal leaders—current or former heads of state, First Ladies, legislators, religious leaders, media figures, academicians, businesspeople and prominent figures in the arts and culture.

International Association of Youth and Students for Peace

IAYSP's World Assembly 2021 took place on April 17 in the World Peace Center. The first part, "The Dreams of Youth" was a Youth Rally of Hope, a concert that combined music with professional MCs who appealed to the young people and encouraged them to dream. The second part featured the top IAYSP presenters from SINERGY competitions held at local YSP chapters. This brought together thirty thousand young people from around the world who participated online and in person at the venue.

The Online International Conference on Science and God (ICSG II) and ICUS Conference

April 22–25, the Hyojeong Academy organized both the second International Conference on Science and God as well as the twenty-seventh International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences in four time zones. Overall the events were a successful online gathering of a hundred and thirty renowned scientists who shared their views on important topics. The conference featured twelve focused presentations, twenty-four lectures, six debates and in-depth discussions, with leading scientists and environmental experts, including Nobel Prize winners. Together they delved into concepts in both new and conventional sciences to find solutions to the environmental challenges humankind faces.

The International Association of Academicians for Peace

The Hyojeong Academy, the International Association of Academicians for Peace and the Russian Academy of nature jointly held an International Conference April 22–25 under the theme, the Quest for Universality and Paradigms for the Science of the Future.

The Hyojeong Cheonbo Great Works April 30 and May 1

2021 is a meaningful year marking the fiftieth anniversary of the Cheongpyeong providence! We held the 2021 Hyojeong Cheonbo Great Works Commemorating True Parents' Sixty-First Holy Wedding Anniversary as two one-day events in strict compliance with coronavirus prevention measures. Online nearly two hundred thousand people worldwide attended.

The six thousand years of the providence of restoration through indemnity have concluded with True Parents' sixty-year course. From now on, humanity is under the direct rule of the Creator at the beginning of the era of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. The Cheonbo families, symbolizing Heavenly Parent's temple, appeared after six thousand years, and for the first time ever, thousands were able to enjoy the grace of the Cheonbo Great works.

Before the event began, members from around the world participated in the ancestor liberation session. Prophet Radebe, with other African religious leaders, led a spiritual offering for peace. Afterward, Dr. Young-ho Yun expressed his gratitude to True Parents for overcoming adversity and making everyone their children. He also thanked them for giving everyone the opportunity to become Cheonbo families that possess divine value for having fulfilled the three great blessings. He then explained the deep significance of the Great Spiritual Works in this new era. "While in the past, the HJ Cheonbo Great Works were mainly focused on spiritual healing, clearly, in this new era, they are aimed at performing spiritual deeds and receiving God's blessing through the fulfillment of the three great blessings, the ideal of creation. Therefore, I am convinced that this will be a great festival, which will guarantee our registration in the Cheonbowon and enable people around the world, beyond nationality, religion and background, to gather under the umbrella of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community and inherit the heart of filial piety toward Heaven."

The event was held simultaneously in Hokkaido, Japan, as has been the custom in recent years. In addition, nearly two hundred thousand of Prophet Radebe's followers registered for the seminar and participated in seventy-seven locations. In total, nearly four million people attended the Hyo Jeong Offering Ceremony for the Inheritance of Heavenly Fortune.

A True Peace magazine staff member contributed this article based on reports received.



Declaration to Heaven

This was True Parents' Prayer on Sunday April 25 for six thousand one hundred couples at the 2021 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival Officiated by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind in Celebration of the Sixty-First Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding.



Dear Heavenly Parent!
You have been waiting throughout the long and difficult history of the providence of restoration through indemnity until this day. The Creator wished to embrace his beloved sons and daughters in the original garden together with all things of creation.

Sadly, due to the fall of Adam and Eve, who should have become our ancestors, you, God had to go through the unspeakably difficult history of the providence of restoration through indemnity and the providence of salvation for six thousand years to establish the position of the True Parents.

You had to realize your original will without fail and to do so, you had to connect with the victorious ancestors from among humankind. Due to Heaven's effort, from among the ignorant human race, you sent the True Parents to the Korean Peninsula. Christianity should have prepared an environment for True Parents. Yet Christians did not know Heaven's providence and made True Parents' path more difficult through their opposition and persecution.

However, because we are the True Parents and because we knew Heaven's providence and that as the True Parents we must without fail bring its fulfillment on earth, we endured immeasurable hardships



- ① Shin-chul Moon and his wife Ji-woo Chang and Shin-heung Moon and his wife Yume Iriyama presenting flowers to True Mother
- ② Wonju Jeong McDevitt, chief of True Mother's Secretariat and Young-ho Yun director general of the FFWPU International Headquarters presenting gifts to True Mother
- ③ Christian pastor couples giving gifts to express gratitude for receiving the Blessing
- ④ The Holy Water Ceremony for the Blessing of 6,100 couples

and persecution for some sixty years focused only on one day. We have been racing forward for sixty years because we knew the great blessing Heaven was seeking to realize.

Thus, Cheon Il Guk was proclaimed in 2013. Through the following seven-year course, we were able to bless nations, various religious groups and a continent as we prepared the environment on earth in which we could attend Heavenly Parent.

Accordingly, in 2020, we pro-

claimed the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk. Our blessed families, who know the providence, understand how long Heaven and humankind have yearned for this day. When we look at the world's 7.8 billion people, we see it is the responsibility of the blessed families to guide them and lead them to the Blessing. This is something they must do while True Parents are still on earth.

On this day, a day celebrating the sixty-first anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding, a day that also marks a new beginning, these six thousand one hundred engaged couples from around the world are being born as blessed families through True Parents' Blessing in the name of Heavenly Parent. When they fulfill their given responsibilities in front of their nations and the world....

The day when more than one-third of humankind knows Heavenly Parent and enters True Parents' embrace is the day when the kingdom of heaven on earth, the day Heaven

dreamed of and all people have wished for, can come. Your children who have received the Blessing today offer their gratitude and glory to you. They know that when they take responsibility, Heavenly Parent's dream and the dream of humankind can be realized sooner. May they remember that when they fulfill their responsibilities in every way, they will become loyal, heroic patriots who will be remembered forever in history in the eyes of their nations and the world. Today is the day they pledge to run forward on that path; therefore, Heavenly Parent, please accept this in happiness.

Without a doubt, they will unwaveringly charge forward toward the completion of Cheon Il Guk—one family of humankind under Heavenly Parent—which is Heavenly Parent's dream and the desire of all people. Therefore, True Parents offer their gratitude and glory to Heaven, and believing that these couples will fulfill their responsibilities. I proclaim and bless this all in True Parents' names. Aju. ㄸ



The Path to Receive Blessings from God

This was True Mother's Benediction on April 27 at the Ridge Beam Ceremony at the Cheonwon Gung construction site, which was part of the celebration of the sixty-first anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding.



Heavenly Parent, to whom we are grateful, Heavenly Parent, we give thanks. You have waited for so, so long. Sixty years passed up to the point where we could usher in this one day, this day that stirs our hearts. It is finally today, the sixty-first Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding, and through this ceremony to place the ridge beam in place, we can dedicate, here on earth, the temple in which we can attend you, our Heavenly Parent. In the beginning,

the Creator dreamed of nurturing and caring for of his true children on earth and preparing a promising future in this beautiful spring season, when everything in creation is harmonious and responsive. However, the first ancestors who should have fulfilled their responsibilities, could not reach the position in which they could receive Heavenly Parent's blessing. Therefore, Heavenly Parent had to spend six thousand long years conducting the painful, sad and bitter providence of salvation and resto-



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- ① True Mother starting the crane that brought the beam to its proper place on Cheonwon Gung
- ② Fireworks to celebrate reaching an important stage in the construction of Cheonwon Gung.



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ration through indemnity in search of humankind. Finally, the advent of True Parents, the perfected people that can achieve Heavenly Parent's dream, occurred on the Korean Peninsula in 1960.

Christianity, which should have created the environment for God's providence, could not become the environment surrounding True Parents as they were ignorant of True Parents' advent, as was all of humankind. Two-thousand years ago, God sent his only begotten son Jesus Christ to his chosen people of Israel on the foundation of four thousand years of hard work in the providence. However, the people did not accept Jesus and he was driven to the cross. What happened to the people of Israel? They suffered, living as a nationless people for two thousand years. Here today, I need to warn the people of Korea. Heavenly Parent has endured and waited for so long to embrace humankind. Given our Heavenly Parent's situation, and, what is more, given that the Korean people gave

birth to True Parents, this nation is positioned to become the central homeland of God's providence. However, the citizens of Korea and the people in charge of this country need to know that this nation has no hope if it ultimately takes a stance opposing Heaven's blessings. The desire of the people, a unified Korea, is only possible to achieve when they attend our Heavenly Parent. Therefore, we must know that the completion of this temple will mean the time has come when Heavenly Parent will fully dwell with True Parents on earth, as Heavenly Parent has dreamed of doing. I am aware that those who govern this country, as well as those in charge of all the nations of the world, must come to this place to receive heavenly mercy, heavenly wisdom, and blessings in order to solve all the challenging problems that are arising in the world today.

I am making a strong demand of the people of Korea. In order to become a people, a nation, and citizens that can receive Heaven's bless-

ings, I sincerely hope that those of you who have received the Blessing, who form Blessed families that qualify as citizens of Cheon Il Guk, will become the central figures who govern and lead this nation. This is the only path that will allow this nation to stand confidently in front of the world as a central nation and to receive God's blessings.

All leaders and families who are here today must no longer be disloyal and unfilial children toward God.

They must no longer bring sadness to God. If you wish for Heaven's grace and blessing, keep in mind that the only way for this nation and all of humankind to move forward is to correctly understand and attend our Heavenly Parent. Much time has passed before we could hold today's beam-placement ceremony, but I am extremely excited and thankful.

I earnestly hope for Heavenly Parent's supervision and protection from today until the dedication of this building in 2023. I pray this in the name of True Parents. Aju. ㄸ



Let's Move Forward

This was True Mother's speech on May 10 at the victory celebration to mark the sixty-first Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding, which she gave at the Cheongshim World Peace Center and worldwide via the Internet.

Beloved leaders and other members around the world, I am glad to meet you again and I love you! We have gained confidence that without fail we can fulfill what we promised to Heavenly Parent, haven't we?

Christianity is unaware of the truth about Heavenly Parent's and Jesus' true essence. Christianity has spent the past two thousand years waiting for the day Jesus will return. Hence, as the True Parent, I must show Christianity once again their destination, and how to live. People are to live in attendance to Heavenly Parent during their earthly lives. You must answer the call and listen carefully to what True Parents say.

My sincere desire is that every human being receives the Blessing. You must "put on new clothes" [Galatians 3:27] in this new age. It is also written in the Bible that "new wine must be put into fresh wineskins." [Luke 5:38] Throughout its two thousand years, Christianity became very human-centric, and because of that, it made many mistakes.

Although the time has come for Heavenly Parent to be able to carry out the providence on earth through True Parents, it is as if some people are still living in the Old Testament era. Therefore, let's create the opportunity for Christians to open their eyes and ears and thus participate in True Parents' providence and receive


the Blessing all together! I say this in the hope that you will no longer remain in positions blocking the completion of God's providence, but in a position from which you take the lead, doing your best to accomplish Heavenly Parent's dream, during this period. Therefore, it is a good idea. It is a blessing.

I say this with the hope that you all become leaders and blessed families around the world who can guide at least a third or more of humanity to come to know Heavenly Parent and to live lives of attendance on earth. You may know that following the declaration of Foundation Day, the seven-year course that I trod was truly a difficult path that no one could understand.



However, through your hard work and devotion you have become one with me and created the environment in which people can receive Heaven's Blessing and attend God. This is a great blessing and joy for all of us.

So I hope that not only until 2023, but up until 2027, you will increasingly invest strenuous efforts to advance toward the day when you can create

an environment in which you can embrace all the people of the world. Please work hard in all aspects of your work. Up until this event, all our organizations united centered on the headquarters, and accomplished this result. I am happy! Let's therefore move forward toward to the day when Heavenly Parent's Day is celebrated in 2027! 

- ① Yeon-ah Moon and True Mother light the candles on the victory celebration cake
- ② Korea region 2 presenting gifts
- ③ Japan presenting a gift
- ④ The Asia Pacific Region presenting gifts
- ⑤ Korean elders, Gi-yeong Lee and Ki-man Lee offered poems about True Parents' Holy Wedding
- ⑥ Koreans who distributed 430 or more memoirs
- ⑦ The two churches that distributed the most memoirs
- ⑧ Eog Mansei

The Area Benefits from Rev. Moon and Dr. Moon

A Ridge Beam Ceremony is a Korean tradition marking great progress in a construction project. This address was delivered in front of True Mother, True Family members, senior church members and many public figures on April 27 at the Cheonwon Gung construction site, near Cheon Jeong Gung. This was the Cheonwon Gung Ridge Beam Ceremony congratulatory address.

By Chun-sik Choi

Greetings! I am truly happy to meet you. I am Chun-sik Choi, a member of the Korean National Assembly. Congratulations on the sixty-first anniversary of the deeply respected Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Holy Wedding. I offer my sincere congratulations for the Ceremony of the Placement of the Ridge Beam on Cheonwon Gung, a place where Rev. and Dr. Moon's peace ideology dwells, here in beautiful, warm-hearted Gapyeong, which is full of clean air and clear water.

Today, the Cheonwon Gung Ridge Beam Ceremony is an important event for Gapyeong Province. As you know, Seorak used to be a remote town in the middle of nowhere. However, after Rev. Moon and Dr. Moon stepped foot here, the area has gone through a complete metamorphosis with incredible change and transformation.

Back then, Rev. Moon looked out at the town of Seorak and Cheongpyeong Lake from Mt. Jangrak, where Cheon Jeon Gung stands today, and prophesied a highway would go here, a hospital would go in that valley, a school and training center would open here, and numerous youth and people from around the world would flock to this place. At the time it seemed like a nonsensical dream, yet today that prophecy is coming true one step at a time. In truth, I could not help but be surprised.

Essentially, Seorak is quickly emerging as a hub of Gapyeong Province, having surpassed a population of ten thousand people last year despite low




birth rates and rapid urbanization. This would have been impossible without the deep interest and love of Dr.

Hak Ja Han Moon and the help of the Family Federation.

After its completion, Cheonwon Gung, will without a doubt become a landmark in Gapyeong and a proud tourist attraction for South Korea. I am positive it will emerge as a holy ground that expands culture and global peace education as it revitalizes the local economy and as numerous tourists and pilgrims come to this place.

In addition, the Cheon Won Garden Project long envisioned by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon will make Gapyeong and Seorak a world-renowned model peace community. It is not too much to say it will provide infinite inspiration and imagination for Gapyeong Province's development.

Congratulations once again on the Cheonwon Gung Framework Completion Ceremony. Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon have devoted their entire lives, beginning from the lowest position, for world peace and South Korea's prosperity, and Cheonwon Gung is filled with their vision for peace and their life's work. I would also like to thank Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon again for making the Garden of Heaven, Cheonwon Gung, here in Gapyeong Province. I pray Heavenly Parent's blessing will be with you all today. Thank you! 

The speaker is a National Assembly member representing the city of Pocheon in Gyeonggi Province.

THINK TANK 2022 IS STRONGLY SUPPORTED

Over several years, True Mother patiently prepared a thorough foundation for the launch of Think Tank 2022. On May 9, at the Rally of Hope for the Launch of Think Tank 2022 and the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea, Dr. Young-ho Yun, in his capacity as the master of ceremonies for the launch, explained that Think Tank 2022 comes on the foundation of the Rallies of Hope and “centering on the organizations UPF launched to realize a lasting world of peace.”

These organizations have an important role to play in conjunction with the work of Think Tank 2022. Knowledge of the work that these organization are doing proves what a heavenly inspired tactician True Mother is. UPF refers to these organizations as their “primary associations.” The launching of the primary associations provides a hearty support system for Think Tank 2022—strong organizations connected to important people in society that are doing research for and raising public interest in the reunification of the Koreans.

Establishing the primary associations

On February 15, 2016, the launch of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) an organization for legislators, took place in the National Assembly Building of the Republic of Korea. On November 13, 2017, the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) for religious leaders, was founded at an Interreligious Leadership Conference. On February 8, 2019, the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) for heads of state, was founded during World Summit 2019. On February 2, 2020, the International Media Association for Peace (IMAP) for journalists, came into existence during a media conference in Seoul's Lotte Hotel. Three days later, on February 5, 2020, both the International Association of Academicians for Peace (IAAP) and the International Association of First Ladies for Peace (IAFLP) were founded. On April 17, 2021, UPF-Malaysia hosted its second Peace Talk webinar in conjunction with the launch of the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED) for businesspeople, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital city. Collectively these organizations bring together many brilliant people with a variety of skill sets. Think Tank 2022 is a natural development to emerge based on these earlier organizations.

Primary Associations in Action

IAPP: On April 13, the US branch of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace held a webinar on the topic, “Humanitarian Aid: Building Trust with North Korea.” IAPP featured two speakers with wide knowledge of the need for humanitarian aid in North Korea and an understanding of the wisdom and effort necessary to build trust with North Koreans in order to do the job of helping those that need it. The first was Dr. James W. Jackson, the founder of Project C.U.R.E., the largest distributor of donated medical supplies and medical equipment in the world. Mr. Jackson spent time in North Korea and spoke of some of his honest interaction with DPRK government officials and his experience attending the eighty-first birthday celebration of Kim Il-sung in 1993. Such personal efforts have helped North Korean people.

Hazel Smith, now a professorial research associate at the Center of Korean Studies, SOAS, University of London, was the second speaker. She worked and lived in North Korea for four years 1998–2001 while working with the UN World Food Program and UNICEF. She worked in every province of North Korea.

Dr. Smith was vociferous on the topic of oil sanctions imposed on North Korea and their devastating effects on food production:

In a nutshell, in 2021 we are seeing the resurgence of starvation which could be on a massive scale. The famine in the 1990s was a result of the Soviet Union and China withdrawing subsidized sales of oil to North Korea. North Korea does not produce natural gas or oil. All agriculture is dependent on oil, and North Korea's food self-sufficiency depends on oil. The UN sanctions in December 2017 halted all natural gas exports

to North Korea and severely curtailed oil imports. The food production was bound to fall. Humanitarian aid cannot respond to the current scale of aid required. Fertilizer, pesticides and oil need to go in."

IAPD: In Sydney, on March 6 of this year, UPF and the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development held a webinar entitled, "Toward Peaceful Unification of the Korean Peninsula—A New Approach." The new approach referred to the personal relationship that True Parents (founders of CAUSA International, an anti-communist organization) were able to forge with both Mikhail Gorbachev, the general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and with "eternal" Leader Kim Il-sung, chairman of the Central Committee of the North Korean Workers' (Communist) Party. In the case of North Korea, the good relationship extended to Kim Il-sung's son, Kim Jong-il. In explaining this new approach, UPF-Oceania chairman, Rev. Yutaka Yamada, had to mix pragmatic political concepts while conveying True Parents' tender-hearted emotions toward their homeland and the human desire to live as if we are brothers and sisters despite the hostility that seems to characterize North Korea's relations with the world.

IAAP: In Brussels, Belgium, the question of the day was "What Are the Prospects for a Successful Peace Settlement on the Korean Peninsula?" The Western Europe branch of UPF joined forces with the International Association of Academicians for peace to pose that question to authorities on relations between North Korea and South Korea at a webinar on November 27, 2020.

Ambassador Marc Vogelaar, an independent international affairs advisor and former diplomat from the Netherlands, spoke first. "The North Korean crisis has lasted for over two generations. Let me summarize the stalemate in five points. The Korean War has not ended; the ceasefire is fragile. The Korean Peninsula remains divided and heavily armed. North Korea has developed nuclear weapons and will not give them up. The international community refuses to accept North Korea as a nuclear weapons state. Neither putting pressure on, nor striking deals with North Korea has shown lasting results so far."

In the words of Professor Glyn Ford, a British academic, Labour Party politician and former member of the European Parliament, "We need some end of war declaration, with the obvious signatories being the real people behind the war: of course, the Chinese, it was the Chinese People's Volunteers that fought, not Beijing officially. It was the United Nations that fought in the South, not the US, but I think the reality is you need an end of war declaration with South Korea, North Korea, China and the United States, with the possible addition of Russia and Japan. But it seems to me that that's the way forward. It will be a long hard road, but I agree it's a very important one."

IAFLP: UPF has held a couple of peace-focused webinars that included their primary association for First Ladies. About the organization, Dr. Walsh explained, "IAFLP is a project of UPF and the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) in partnership with Women's Federation International." On April 30, IAFLP held a virtual conference—Women in International Peacemaking and Reconciliation Processes—during ILC 2021.

Dr. Julia Moon, president of WFWP International, spoke persuasively in her opening address. "Perhaps you are wondering why this conference is dealing with topics related to the Pacific Rim, and more specifically, Korea. Last year was the seventieth anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, which took the lives of so many loved ones, not only of the Korean people but also of innocent young men and women who came from sixteen nations, including the UK, Belgium, France, Greece, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Turkey to fight for a country and a people they did not even know. Without their sacrifice South Korea would not be the prosperous nation it is today. Seventy long years have passed since the war and yet, still, Korea is a divided nation. Furthermore, the conflict on the Korean Peninsula adversely affects relations among the powers in the East and the West, making this conflict a major obstacle to world peace."

Anneli Jäätteenmäki, the prime minister of Finland in 2003, said, "Women are not often seen in peace-keeping. As Julia Moon said in her opening remarks, 'All women in the world should know and realize their own unique value.' Achieving peace in the world requires including both men and women. I have a friend that worked in the former Yugoslavia, in Bosnia Herzegovina and Ukraine. Another friend has worked in Afghanistan. Thousands of women work in peacekeeping."

Nayla Moawad, first lady of Lebanon, November 5–22, 1989, explained that she had to get into politics because her husband was elected president and was assassinated seventeen days later. She was Minister of Social Affairs 2005–2009, Lebanon's first woman minister. "If we want to improve the world," she said, "we must push women to go into politics and be active. Many more women are in Lebanese politics nowadays."

ISCP: On April 29, the European and the Middle East chapter of the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP) held a webinar entitled, "The Implications for Europe of the Process Toward Peaceful Reunification on the Korean Peninsula—How Can Europe Assist in That Process?"

The moderator, Dr. Werner Fasslabend, the president of the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy and a former Austrian minister of defense, emphasized that the Korean Peninsula is situated at the epicenter of world politics and draws the interest of the three great world powers.

Yves Leterme, prime minister of Belgium (3–12 2008; 11 2009–12 2011) said that the European Union ought to work to resolve the inter-Korean stalemate to prevent a second Korean War, to prevent North Korea from becoming a nuclear power, to establish a balance of power in Northeast Asia and for the well-being of the North Korean people.

Kjell Magne Bondevik, Norway's prime minister (1997–2000; 2001–2005) felt a lighter touch would be more effective, such as former South Korean President Kim Dae-jung's "Sunshine Policy," in which Kim's administration pursued reconciliation and cooperation with North Korea and sought to trade economic assistance in exchange for improved relations.

Dr. Karin Kneissl, Austria's foreign minister (2017–2019), spoke of the Iran Nuclear Deal, which among other nations, the US agreed to. Yet, after a change of presidents, the US withdrew its support. North Korea sees the US as unworthy of trust. Europe has nations with diplomatic connections with the both Koreas and ought to play a larger role in bringing peace between the two Koreas.

Dr. Alexander Zhebin, director of the Center for Korean Studies at the Institute of Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, noted that reunification of the Koreas could only come after a lengthy period of peaceful interaction as separate nations. Economic interaction and peaceful relations would over time rebuild some trust between them.

IMAP: On March 25, 2021, the International Media Association for Peace and UPF, its parent organization, held a joint Zoom conference entitled, "Transition to Peace on the Korean Peninsula: What Confidence Building Measures Are Necessary and Who Can Guide the Process?" The moderator, Humphrey Hawksley, a longtime foreign correspondent for the BBC, after expressing appreciation for the quality of the speakers, asked, "Is it possible to create trust between North and South Korea, particularly in today's tense geopolitical climate between their powerful allies, the United States and China?"

Jenny Town, a senior fellow at the Stimson Center think tank and co-founder and director of 38 North, a highly informative web journal on North Korea, gave an overview of recent US–North Korean diplomatic history, in light of North Korea's missile development.

Keith Bennett, deputy chairman of the Kim Il Sung, Kim Jong Il Foundation (KKF) spoke of the problem of periodic changes of leadership in democratic countries causing problems in countries that maintain one leader for decades. He cited liberal South Korean president Kim Dae-jung's "Sunshine Policy" toward North Korea being reversed by his conservative predecessor Roh Moo-hyun. He added that North Korea suffered setbacks in its relations to the US when agreements entered into with the Clinton administration were replaced by "axis of evil" rhetoric by the Bush administration. Mr. Bennett expressed disappointment that progress in relations with North Korea achieved by Donald Trump during his presidency have come to naught.

Aidan Foster-Carter, author in 1992 of *Korea's Coming Reunification* and in 1994 of *North Korea after Kim Il-sung*, was cynical about both the US stance toward North Korea (repeating initial steps every few years and never advancing past that) and of North Korea's lack of response to overtures by South Korea's President Moon Jae-in.

Mike Chinoy, one-time CNN Beijing bureau chief, now senior fellow at the Pacific Council on International Policy, advised engaging North Korea in areas it had already officially supported as a UN member state. He also credited North Korea with suspending its rocket and nuclear testing.

In his closing remarks, Dr. Katsumi Otsuka, chair of UPF in Europe, Eurasia and the Middle East spoke of True Father: "When Reverend Moon sent his envoys to North Korea, he advised them to give respect to all they met. Reverend Moon told them, 'you must give your adversary the respect and dignity you, in your bias, may not think that they deserve! In the long term it is worth it! You can change your adversary into a partner.'"

IAED: Keith Bennett is a consultant specializing in Korean and Chinese affairs. He has long enjoyed a close relationship with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), first visiting the country in 1983. He was the Secretary General of the International Kim Il Sung Foundation (IKF), from its inauguration in Pyongyang, and now serves as Deputy Chairman of its successor organization, the Kim Il Sung Kim Jong Il Foundation (KKF). Mr. Bennett was awarded the Friendship Order of the DPRK by President Kim Il Sung on two occasions. He served for some ten years as the Secretary of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the DPRK in the UK Parliament. Among the initiatives that Mr. Bennett facilitated in this capacity was arranging the DPRK visit of Lord (General Sir Charles) Guthrie, former chief of staff of the British Army, for discussions with the DPRK military; as well as two visits to the UK by Mr. Choe Tae Bok, then Speaker of the DPRK Parliament. Mr. Bennett is also the deputy chairman of the 48 Group Club. The 48 Group was established in 1954 to promote trade and positive relations with China after its founding members led the very first trade mission from any western country to the then newly formed People's Republic the previous year. Consequently, in China, the Group is still highly respected as the "Icebreakers," including by the country's most senior leaders.

As you can see, these seven organizations have a supportive role to play in the success of Think Tank 2022. Altogether True Mother aims to have 2,022 experts like these focused on the reunification of Korea.



Unity for the Sake of Peace

By Jonathan Falwell

Today, I would like to talk about some definite needs for our world. As you know, there is much division in our world today, and clearly more than ever, we need common ground for people of faith, patriotism, education and service. This Rally of Hope aims to meet that need, as a call for prayer, for unity and for courage in the face of unprecedented challenges. I want to thank UPF and Dr. Moon for making these events available throughout the world, and I thank all of those who are viewing together in this digital environment.

May you all be blessed with God's grace, God's wisdom as we attempt to make this world a better place. Today as we all reflect on what this world needs, one word seems to stand out more than any other—and that word is "hope." I thank the UPF and Dr. Moon for giving the opportunity for us to talk about this from many different backgrounds, in different nations, in different beliefs—to come together to talk about a common goal, and that goal is peace. Now I know that it is our desire, and I also know that it is God's will for us to point people to him as the only source of hope.

I have always been grateful for the voices within our world that are dedicated to bringing truth to a world that needs it so desperately. I know *the Washington Times* and other organizations that you have founded have stood as a strong voice to this nation for freedom and for family and for faith. And I am grateful for how it has been used to inform and to educate our world today.

Many too are grateful for the idea of a global working group of experts called Think Tank 2022, which is calling for experts globally to support peace on the Korean Peninsula. I am particularly inspired that you see the role of faith leaders as critical to bringing peace along with heads of state, members of congress, businesspeople, and those in the media and academia. I know that UPF and the Rallies of Hope are building a global movement to support the peaceful reunification of Korea, the last vestige of the cold war.

Now, I understand that the Rallies of Hope have been reaching tens of millions of participants on all continents with important messages from many different leaders, from many different perspectives, for the purpose of helping to foster understanding, hope and peace in our world today. I would like to say congratulations on the launch of the Think Tank 2022, a bold and a wise effort, to gather scholars and thought leaders and experts from major fields of influence to create a road map for peace in Northeast Asia, focused on the Korean Peninsula. We all know the fragility in this region, and we know how wonderful it would be for peace to reign throughout our world.

Where we can find unity

There are three important areas that serve as a common ground, I believe for all of us. And I know for certain that my dad was committed to this purpose, along with a passion for the gospel. Now we care about the importance for America turning back to its roots, and its biblical values and principles. Second, we want to see America strengthened and fulfilling her leadership role for the world. And we are deeply committed to educating future generations to help bring peace to the nations and to make our world safer and stronger. Now first let us talk about how we can turn America back to biblical values, to a biblical worldview, biblical lifestyles.


The world looks to America for leadership in so many different ways, and for that reason, America needs to be restored. We need to understand our founding, not based on a rewriting of history that excludes the importance of God, and the Gospel, but rather to impress upon all that America was founded on Judean Christian principles, which flow clearly from God's word, the Bible. In doing so, I believe we will see a clear return to the biblical family, a picture of God's ideal for the family based on God's plan, on his word and his desire.

The Bible is clear on what God desires for his people, clear on how he wants

us to live. And the Bible is God's inspired, in errant, and infallible word and has been given to understand his love, to know how we should live, and as a call to action for all of mankind. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and we must stand on his word and in his truth. And we must see a return to truth, and not only in the pulpit but in the public square—with organizations such as *the Washington Times* that champion freedom, family, faith and service dedicated to educating citizens.

We also need to talk about America's leadership role for the world, among the family of nations. During the cold war, we saw the world unified behind a common idea of freedom, as the best hope for everyone. In a world that was clearly divided, we saw leaders rise up to take a stand for freedom and then defend it no matter what. Just as during the cold war era, there is a need for leadership based on those founding principles upon which all free nations are based. Just as we often pray that America can be one nation under God, so also, we can now pray that we can come together as one world under God, as a human family with God as our father. That is the key to lasting peace, and that is the purpose for which Jesus came.

And finally, the importance of education of the heart, the character, the mind, the body... This is why we must all join together in this common commitment to educate the next generation in truth. Dr. Moon, we share a biblical and a moral commitment to raise future generations to be men and women of godly character, to form healthy families and to serve mankind in the light of God's will for the sake of a truly peaceful world. When Jesus was asked, "What is the most important command?" His answer was clear: to love the Lord your God with all our heart, soul and mind and strength. He went on to say, "The second command is like it: to love our neighbors as ourselves."

Today let us all commit to becoming people who have real hope based on our faith and to share that hope in service to others. Thank you today for this opportunity, and may God bless all of those who are tuning in to this Rally of Hope. 

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In the Quest for Peace

By Ban Ki-moon

Your Excellencies, Distinguished Leaders from around the World, Peace-Loving Leaders and Citizens!

It is my distinct honor and privilege to participate in today's very important Rally of Hope for the Launch of Think Tank 2022 and the Firm Establishment of a Heavenly Unified Korea. Two thousand, twenty-two eminent high officeholders from around the world in the areas of politics, religion, the economy, security, culture, sports, media, academia and so on will discuss issues related to the Korean Peninsula and going beyond peace on the Korean Peninsula will launch Think Tank 2022 to support the realization of a heavenly unified Korea. As a Korean citizen, I would like to express my profound gratitude.

I applaud Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for hosting today's rally. In February of last year, Dr. Moon successfully hosted World Summit 2020 and launched the digital-based online Rally of Hope series, as a response to the Covid pandemic. Furthermore, thanks to Dr. Moon's selfless efforts to realize lasting world peace and peaceful reunification on the Korean Peninsula, today's Rally of Hope for the Launch of Think Tank 2022 and the Firm Establishment of a Heavenly Unified Korea is possible. Once again, I would like to extend my gratitude to Dr. Moon.

It was my honor to have participated in the first in the series. Over the past eight months, the Rally of Hope has made a dramatic impact, reaching millions of viewers around the world and offering a message of hope and a vision of peace grounded in the principles of interdependence, mutual prosperity and the universality of core human values.

Today's Rally of Hope is especially significant in that it has as its focus a topic near and dear to the hearts of all Koreans, namely the establishment of a durable and mutually beneficial peace on the peninsula. Moreover, today's program will also include an invitation to our global audience to lend their support to the call for the establishment of a global alliance of experts from all relevant fields of endeavor, united in their commitment to forging a path to peace on the Korean Peninsula. This multi-stakeholder alliance will consist of a diverse set of expert working groups in areas such as multilateralism and international relations; inter-parliamentarian engagement; business and economic development; track-II diplomacy; humanitarian activism; arts and cultural exchanges; academic, evidence-based research; youth engagement; media and environmentalism. This network will form an international alliance or coalition, a virtual think tank. And since our goal is to make an impact over the course of the next eighteen months, this initiative is named Think Tank 2022.

Complex modern challenges

There is no question that the time is ripe for such an initiative. Indeed, our world is facing unprecedented challenges, and the challenges on the Korean Peninsula are part of a wider, interconnected set of challenges that impact the entire planet. In other words, traditional geopolitical crises have risen to a new level of complexity owing to factors such as the advances in communications technology, the devastating capacities of new weapons technologies, satellite and cyber competition, the interdependence of the global economy, the density of urban populations, and of course, climate change.

Given these factors, we observe rising tensions around the world, such as among the primary military superpowers—the USA, China and Russia. Even at this time, we witness serious potential for confrontation on the border of Russia and Ukraine, or even in the South China Sea. Also in this same stage of history, we are facing climate change, along with a whole range of human security crises. We are living at a time that brings with it the potential for peace, or the potential for a perfect storm of devastation, that is, if we cannot find the path to mutual respect and cooperation for the sake of a better future.

As secretary general of the United Nations, I did my very best to raise awareness of the threat of climate change. One of my proudest achievements during that time was the successful convening of the Conference of the Parties 21, which resulted in the Paris Climate Agreement, aimed at reducing pollution so that the rise in global temperatures would be less than 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial averages. It is a virtual miracle that 196 parties signed the agreement in Paris in December 2015. The agreement included pledges from individual countries to reduce or limit harmful emissions and to lend support to developing countries. The Paris Agreement is a landmark accomplishment, a testament to the significance of multilateral cooperation among government stakeholders. At the same time, it demonstrates the significance of our global civil society, for without the engagement of thousands of committed NGOs, including various faith-based organizations, this initiative would not have been successful.


Steps in the right direction

Based on my experience, I have found that when a broad coalition of governments, civil society actors, representatives of the private sector and other stakeholders share a common purpose and objective that goes beyond national self-interest and ideology, bringing about substantial and positive change on a global level is possible. Of course, it takes vision, leadership and often years of consistent hard work. But, most importantly, it can be done.

In this respect, I applaud the efforts of the Universal Peace Federation, Dr. Moon and the thousands of experts who have endorsed the proposal to establish Think Tank 2022 with the goal of achieving lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula. Of course, this is not simple task. The roots of the conflict between the two Koreas are deep and tangled, with the immense weight of history bearing down upon them. There are no simple solutions, no magic wands. However, we have witnessed geopolitical breakthroughs in the past, including reconciliation between divided peoples, evidenced in the reunion of East and West Germany, North and South Vietnam; in each instance, these were countries divided by the geopolitics of the cold war. These examples of course are unique and not entirely relevant to the Korean Peninsula, which has its own history and characteristics. As such, whatever resolution may be achieved on the Korean Peninsula will have its own unique features and must surely involve the will of the Korean people, of both Koreas. Moreover, it will not take place in isolation. As we know powerful stakeholders have interests in both the process and the outcome of any major development on this peninsula.



Nevertheless, today we are invited to take a step in the right direction. Even as a civil society initiative, we can awaken the imagination of other stakeholders; we can generate movement in the right direction, modestly, yet resolutely.

Once again, in closing I wish to express my appreciation to Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon and the Universal Peace Federation for taking this first step. I have no doubt that it will bear good fruit, especially if we all lend a hand and work together. 

Ban Ki-moon is chairman of Think Tank 2022 and was UN secretary general from 2007 to 2016.



Think Tank 2022 is a Game Changer

By Newt Gingrich

Thank you for involving me in this remarkable, historic moment. You know, when Dr. Moon founded the Universal Peace Federation, he had a dream. He thought that the progress of [activities such as] the Rallies of Hope would really help change the human race and attitudes toward violence. Mother Moon has built on that.

Because of their hard work, they have been able to move millions of people. I have been to a number of their meetings; I have seen their people around the world. I know the reach they are developing, and it is based on a very simple premise—that we have to reach out to each other, beyond the politicians, beyond the governments. This is important. And there's a brand new program that has been developed, Think Tank 2022, with numerous experts from all over the world, working together, trying to find the wisdom and gain the experience, to come together to find a way to unify Korea peacefully, bringing together the Korean people and the Korean governments as a way of avoiding the very grave danger of nuclear war.

This is important because we know that the governments by themselves have failed for three generations. They surely have not been able to reach beyond their bureaucracies, their biases and their fears. And yet, people working with each other, talking with each other, trying to help each other, create bonds. That gives us the opportunity to strengthen cooperation.

We have already seen this working with the United States, Korea and Japan, with the South Korean government and the North Korean government trying to find ways to work together. And now there is an opportunity on a worldwide basis to bring in other people who want to promote peace and prosperity, both on the Korean Peninsula and around the world.

I have seen the kind of work that the Universal Peace Federation is doing. And I have seen the kind of impact that *the Washington Times* is having. Now, with this new Think Tank 2022, there will be a whole range of new innovations, new recommendations, new kinds of inter-parliamentary work, in which people come together, outside the traditional formal structures, and find a way—looking at food security, looking at the environment, looking at opportunities for humans to have greater prosperity.


Possibilities for Think Tank 2022

I think that Think Tank 2022 is going to be able to map options that broaden dramatically the potential for people to work together. And I think, potentially, it could also lead to expanding the people involved to include ones in Russia, China, Mongolia, India, Vietnam—so that you begin to have an entire region moving toward a dialogue and that wants to achieve peace, and wants to ulti-

mately have people living side by side, working side by side, trusting each other, and in times of crisis, reaching out to help each other.

So, you are going to see high level international teams visiting stakeholders around the world, working together, in the United States, Russia, China, Japan, South Korea, North Korea, Australia, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines.... All of these chances to create a common dialogue so that relationships can be built with the diplomatic corps of North Korea, and people in the North Korean Foreign Office can come to have relationships, even friendships, around the world that broaden their perspective. So, I think this is an important direction.

Let me say that I feel this very deeply. My father served in Korea in 1953, the last year of the Korean War, in the US Army. He went back years later, as a professional soldier and spent a year helping defend South Korea. My family has had a deep, long involvement in what has happened on the peninsula. I do believe that, in the long run, we are going to find a way to talk with each other, work with each other, create a better future with each other, or sooner or later, there will be a catastrophic disaster.

I think that is why what is happening—what *the Washington Times* is working on, what the Universal Peace Federation is working on, what Think Tank 2022 is working on—is so important. So, I appreciate your being involved. I hope you will reach out to your friends. I hope you carry a message of optimism, a message of hope, and a message that together we can create a safer, freer and much more desirable future. 

The writer was a US Congressman from the state of Georgia 1979–1999 and Speaker of the House 1995–1999.



Congratulations on this Great Endeavor


By Sae-kyun Chung

Respected Leaders both at home and overseas, I am very pleased to meet you today.

My name is Sae-kyun Chung, former prime minister of the Republic of Korea. I would like to offer my sincere congratulations on the inauguration of Think Tank 2022.

I have heard that today is the first day for domestic and foreign leaders to gather their common will and heart for the long journey to the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula and the realization of world peace. As we go through the Corona 19 crisis that has struck the world, we come to reflect on the global environment, on our human civilization, and on the promise of the future. This is a crisis that cannot be overcome through the leadership of one individual or one nation alone.

Indeed, it will be impossible to surmount this crisis with exclusive, nation-centered egoism. International cooperation and solidarity are needed now more than ever. The problem of the Korean Peninsula, one of the only divided areas of the world, is no longer one that affects just the two Koreas.

Peace on the Korean Peninsula is indispensable for lasting world peace. Achieving this will require international attention and effort. Based on this, I hope that Think Tank 2022, which is being inaugurated today, will stimulate advances in the peace process on the Korean Peninsula and throughout the world. Thank you for your attention. 

The writer was prime minister of the Republic of Korea January 14, 2020–April 16, 2021.




The Emergence of a Brighter Africa

By Hussein Mwinyi

Dr. Hak-jia Han known as the Mother of Peace, or Mother Moon, Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the government and the people of Zanzibar, I commend you for your tireless investments, especially in recent years, to make Africa a brighter continent through summits and educational programs held in various parts of the continent, guided by your vision of one family under one God.

Even though the Korean Peninsula seems far from the African continent, we recall that Africans took part in the Korean War with the hope to restore peace and democracy. Unfortunately, Korea remains divided seventy years later. I salute the initiative of Mother Moon to create a think tank composed of experts from all around the world and all walks of life to come up with innovative ideas that could contribute to restoring peace and security in a united Korea.

The year 2020 will go down as a historic year in Zanzibar as a result of my deliberate intention to restore the Government of National Unity (GNU) during campaigns as well as after the announcement of electoral results gave confidence and hope to many people including those from the opposition party. In Zanzibar, this marks the beginning of a reconciled phase twenty-eight years after the adoption of multi-party politics. My government will work together with the private sector and development partners to promote job recreation and improve education, health and infrastructure in line with the Zanzibar 2050 development vision. And I want to assure you that my country is ready to cooperate with the Universal Peace Federation and its associations in promoting peace and development. I thank you for your kind attention. 

The writer is the president of Zanzibar and Pemba.



Blessed are the Peacemakers

By Mike Pence

It is a great honor to join you once again for this Global Rally of Hope—the sixth such event sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation. I am truly honored to support the vital mission of UPF and join you in the great cause of building a more peaceful and prosperous world.

The Bible says, “the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.” [James 3:18] Today, as leaders from around the world who cherish the values of faith, family, democracy and justice under the law, I commend you for coming together at this event to continue to sow seeds of peace, believing that in time, we will reap a harvest of peace that will benefit the people of Korea, the United States and all mankind.

I want to thank Dr. Moon for hosting this important event and for faithfully continuing the significant work she began with her late husband. Thank you, Dr. Moon, for your devotion to building a more peaceful and prosperous world. Now, with the launch of Think Tank 2022 bringing together the collective wisdom of leaders in government, business, religion, and civil society, I believe the dream of peaceful cooperation and unity in Korea will be closer to reality than ever before.

We gather at a time of renewal and promise. Over the past year, mankind has been reminded just how quickly our lives can be upended in unexpected

ways. For the past year, the Coronavirus pandemic has inflicted heartbreak and hardship across the globe. Every nation on earth has been put to the test. Now, thanks to bold leadership, groundbreaking partnerships and the courageous resolve of individual citizens, mankind's victory over the Coronavirus is closer than ever before.

Not long ago, leading experts said it would take years to develop a vaccine. Today, more than a billion vaccine doses have been administered worldwide, moving us closer each day to putting the Coronavirus in the past. What we have learned through this challenging time is that nothing is impossible when nations work together to achieve the common good. And as we undertake the urgent work of healing our nations and restoring lost jobs, we must remember that our task is not merely to rebuild the world of the past but to forge a brighter future for all of our citizens.

The US–Korea friendship

During my four years as vice president of the United States, America and the Republic of Korea proved how much could be accomplished by nations that share a common commitment to democracy, free enterprise, free speech, strong family values, human dignity, religious liberty, the right to life and equality under the law. Together, we improved our historic alliance, improved our trading relationship and reaffirmed America's commitment to support the Republic of Korea, Japan, and our allies in the region. Our commitment to our common defense remains unbreakable.

We will stand firm against our common adversaries, even as we work in good faith to turn adversaries into friends. And in so doing, I believe we are laying a foundation to bring about the peaceful unification of Korea within our lifetime. Few people imagined they would see the leaders of the United States and North Korea sitting down to discuss peace, but at the historic summit in Singapore, we showed it was possible.

While our journey toward peace goes on, what is most important is that the journey has begun—and the first step is always the hardest. And now, a new American administration has the opportunity to renew our commitment to our common defense and build on our progress toward peace, which I fervently hope our new president will do.

Now more than ever, freedom loving nations around the world must stand strong and call upon China to respect human rights, democratic principles, freedom of navigation and to do their part to achieve the final and fully verified denuclearization of the Korean peninsula.

Our shared values

During my four years as vice president, at home and abroad, I have seen firsthand that truly great nations embrace the principles of religious liberty, freedom of speech, democracy and free enterprise. We know that strong families, education, equal treatment under the law, and a recognition of the dignity and worth of every human life, born and unborn, is the foundation of true national greatness. These are the values that have united the people of Korea and the United States for nearly seventy years. They are the same values that my father, Lieutenant Ed Pence, and freedom-loving Americans and Koreans just like him—fought to defend in the Korean War. They are the same values I worked to protect as vice president.

And I believe, if our commitment to these principles and ideals remains true and unshakable, the day will soon arrive when a great land once divided by war can become one nation and one people, united in peace.

I know I speak on behalf of millions of Americans when I say how proud we are to stand alongside each and every one of you on this day to support the cause of freedom, safety and peace for all the Korean people. Scripture tells us, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for in the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." [Galatians 6:9]

To everyone at this global Rally of Hope, I urge you to keep working, keep striving and never give up—because your labors on behalf of peace for the

Korean people, the Asia-Pacific and the world are not in vain. Thank you for the honor of addressing you today, and may God bless you all. 🙏

Before serving as the US vice-president, the writer was governor of the US state of Indiana from 2013 to 2017.



A Call for Action

By Olusegun Obasanjo

I am delighted to be at this Rally of Hope. Let me congratulate Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, the co-founder of UPF and of the International Summit Council for Peace (ISCP), on her wedding anniversary and commend the entire team of the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) for their relentless and selfless contribution to pursuing the vision and goal of realizing a peaceful and harmonious world—one global human family under God our creator. This Rally of Hope is a testament to the commitment and passion of world leaders to be part of the peaceful resolution of the challenges on the Korean Peninsula, the world and its development.

It is for this reason that I see the convening of this global Rally of Hope as a timely call for action, and the philosophy of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values signals that we are entering an era of greater hope. Thank you for listening. 🙏

The writer, the first African military leader to yield the presidency to a civilian, led Nigeria as head of state (1976–1979) and president (1999–2007).



A New Era of Peace and Hope

By DR. Félix Ulloa


Please receive warm greetings from the people and government of El Salvador. We thank Rev. Moon and Dr. Moon for organizing this Sixth Rally for Hope and for inviting us to be part of this journey.

In El Salvador we are celebrating a new period of hope after a civil war of more than twelve years in which the people of El Salvador suffered greatly, with eighty thousand dead, seven thousand missing, and more than a million displaced. The nation's infrastructure, including the electrical infrastructure and manufacturing facilities were severely damaged. Finally, Peace Accords were signed in 1992, and today, thirty years later, we have to accept that we had misused resources and time, and above all destroyed the hope of a people who wanted to rebuild the country after the war.

El Salvador has shown, from the two years of President Bukele's government, that in a real sense, a new era is beginning, an era of transformation when peace and hope will no longer be a fantasy, but when they are becoming the reality.

We have also fought the Covid pandemic with boldness, energy and determination, which is why we are one of the few countries on the continent that

can demonstrate positive results in managing the pandemic. The World Health Organization reported that the two countries that have best managed the pandemic in the Americas have been Uruguay and then El Salvador. This fills us with pride.

So friends from El Salvador we want you to join us in this new adventure, in a democratic culture, an adventure in which the Salvadoran people recover their dignity and become the initiators of their own history. This is what I wished to share with you on this occasion and I thank you very much for allowing me to share this with you on this day. I send a hug to everyone on behalf of the people and the government of El Salvador. 

The writer is the vice president of El Salvador.



Efforts to Achieve an Elusive Goal

By Michael Richard Pompeo

It is an honor to address this Rally of Hope sponsored by the Universal Peace Federation as one in the series of such virtual gatherings that bring together heads of state, parliamentarians, faith, business, and academic leaders from a hundred and fifty nations for dialogue on the peaceful resolution of differences leading to cooperation for a better world.

I want to recognize also and thank Dr. Moon, who founded *the Washington Times* with her late husband and continues her work today with the UPF, focusing her energy on healing the great conflicts in our world and especially those between long-standing conflict nations, North Korea and South Korea, attempting to heal that divide.

Dr. Moon, having escaped with her Christian mother and grandmother from North Korea before the Korean War, made it her life's work to seek permanent and peaceful reconciliation on the Korean Peninsula. This can happen. When the Trump Administration came into office, we took seriously the need to confront the problem set presented not only to the people of the DPRK and the Republic of Korea, resulting from their historic conflicts, but also to bring nations around the world together to deliver a good outcome related to the global risk to peace from North Korea's nuclear weapons arsenal.

So, we tried something different, and I will talk about that. Now, as we all know, reunification of the Korean Peninsula has eluded resolution for decades. During this process, North Korea has established a formidable nuclear weapons arsenal with ballistic missiles that can reach South Korea, Japan, and the United States. I think this tells clearly that it is time to finally resolve issues with North Korea. A reunified, denuclearized Korean Peninsula will bring massive peace and prosperity to the peninsula and to the region.

I want to give a great deal of credit to President Moon Jae-in of the Republic of Korea. His historic meeting in 2018 with Chairman Jong-un Kim and the resultant Panmunjom Declaration took an initiative that was so important to what President Trump and our team were trying to do. And it was President Trump and his willingness to personally meet with the chairman to resolve issues that have defied resolution for over twenty-five years, twenty-five years of failed negotiations. We knew that could not continue.

President Trump worked diligently to bring North Korea to the negotiating table in the simple hope that we could establish a lasting peace on the Korean

Peninsula and in the hope that the leadership of North Korea would finally commit to an end of aggressive acts like the maintenance of a nuclear program, as the price of admission to the community of nations. When I traveled clandestinely to Pyongyang on Easter weekend in 2018, as the director of the CIA, it was with noble intentions. The goal was to denuclearize North Korea, make peace and make life better for the people living north of the inter-Korean border.

Work of the lead negotiator

I was honored to work with President Trump as his lead negotiator, spending dozens and dozens of hours arranging for the two Summits in Singapore and Hanoi and ultimately the historic DMZ visit as well. We had a good team at the State Department, and we had help from other government agencies in a whole-of-government effort aimed at supporting President Trump in his negotiations with Chairman Kim. And we had great partners around the world helping us as well.

The joint statement from the June 18 Singapore Summit is a historic document. It was President Trump who emphasized in his meetings with Chairman Kim that our objective was simple: the complete and verifiable denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Chairman Kim agreed to this. He agreed this was his objective, while noting that eventual normalization of relations with the United States was also his goal, as was the reunification of the Korean Peninsula.


The work for reunification continues

Done well, the reunification of the Korean Peninsula is achievable. We must all work together to accomplish these important goals. We saw great progress with Chairman Kim and North Korea throughout our engagement with him. Nuclear testing stopped; long-range missile tests stopped. This took down risk. I want to encourage President Moon to continue to pursue resolution of these issues with North Korea. And we encourage the Biden administration, and we pray for them well. We hope they will devote the same time that we did, the same time and effort that President Trump did, to such an important international issue.

For this to be successful, America will also have to be strong in confronting the Chinese Communist Party. A good demonstration of the CCP's acting for peace in concert with all nations would be to provide actual, tangible, real assistance in the denuclearization of North Korea. It is improper and unbalanced for China or any nation to claim the control of the South China Sea and critical trade routes. Trade between China and the West must be based on fairness, reciprocity, and equality. Peace depends on this.

More broadly, America must continue its commitment to religious freedom around the world as well. Religious freedom is indeed the foundation of all freedoms. It means we must have strong family values in which marriages are strengthened through faith, and a commitment to fidelity. The challenges to peace can seem daunting. I know that.

And many days some of these conflicts seem absolutely irreconcilable. Yet, there were no new wars during the Trump Administration that the United States participated in, because we were ready and strong, and we were committed to peace. And it must remain so. One does not know in any given conflict, which day, or hour that peace will come. But with prayer, faith, and commitment to the Lord, peace will follow. Our nation, America, is called by God to preserve and advance the God-given rights for all people. America will stand for freedom and peace in Northeast Asia as well.

The good work and love of all people in the region will, Lord willing, continue this drive toward increasing peace and broad-based prosperity for every human being. May God bless you all. 

The writer was a US congressman 2011–2017, director of the CIA 2017–18 and Secretary of State 2018–2020.



The Front Line in Anti-Covid Efforts

By Sarah Gilbert

Good morning, good afternoon, good evening. I am Sarah Gilbert, professor of vaccinology at the University of Oxford, and one of the creators of the Oxford AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine. I am speaking to you from Oxford, in the UK, where spring has now arrived, bringing with it as always feelings of hope and rejuvenation after the cold dark winter. In the countryside trees are covered in fresh green leaves and there are new lambs in the fields. In the city, trees are covered in blossom. But this year, the sense of hope is stronger than ever.

We are emerging from the lockdown restrictions imposed for our safety during the winter, and as we cautiously return toward the full opening up of society, half of the UK population has received at least a first dose of one of the vaccines that were created, tested and licensed for emergency use in the last sixteen months.

Oxford University partnered with AstraZeneca for the late-stage development and large-scale manufacture of our Covid-19 vaccine. With our encouragement and support, AstraZeneca initiated manufacturing of the vaccine at multiple locations around the world to enable a global vaccine supply. Clinical trials recruited volunteers in many countries so that adults of all ages, many ethnicities and differing states of health took part in the trials. Once the vaccine received approval for emergency use, including approval from the World Health Organization, doses were supplied to COVAX.

From the first deliveries to Ghana and the Ivory Coast in February, within forty-two days, thirty-eight million doses of vaccine had been delivered to a hundred countries via Covax, with thirty-seven million of them the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine. This is not nearly enough. But whereas the development of vaccines against a new disease, many using new technologies, was achieved more rapidly than many thought possible, and many new partnerships have been formed to produce the vaccines, the unprecedented need to produce enough vaccines for the world in a short space of time has stretched resources and supply lines, resulting in delays in vaccine production and delivery.

All are in this together

No country will be safe until all are safe, and some countries are now suffering greatly. In recent days, new agreements to move vaccine doses, or the raw materials to make them between countries, have been made. But we cannot rely only on vaccines to end the pandemic. Medical supplies are also being provided to assist with demand in the hardest hit countries. Until more people can be vaccinated, we must use non-pharmaceutical interventions to reduce spread of the virus by reducing contact between people.

Lockdowns are hard, but they reduce infections, and in turn, deaths from SARS-CoV-2 [Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus]. For those countries fortunate enough to use vaccines widely, it is essential that we learn more about the effectiveness of the vaccines as they are rolled out. Clinical trials are needed to test the safety and efficacy of novel vaccines, but however promising the results, it is only when millions of people are vaccinated that we can understand how well the vaccines will protect the population.

The UK took the decision to delay the second dose until twelve weeks after the first, and rapidly began to generate data on the effectiveness of this approach, with the oldest members of the population vaccinated first.

Both infections and hospitalization have dramatically decreased as a result.

Vaccines have substantially reduced the risk of infection in care homes, in the most vulnerable part of the population.

As the lockdown is eased, those most likely to suffer severe disease have been protected.

We also now know that in people who are vaccinated and then become

infected, virus transmission to others in the same home was cut by half. As the vaccines are used more widely, we must continue to gather data on their effectiveness over time as well as to track the emergence and spread of new variants of the virus.

We already know that the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is highly effective against the rapidly spreading UK variant.

Efficacy may be reduced against the South African variant but there is still the expectation that vaccinated people will be protected against severe disease and death. We need to know more.


As we develop our understanding of the efficacy of the vaccines against new variants, and the duration of protection offered by vaccination, the data will inform policy decisions and allow all countries to deploy the vaccines most effectively.

Risks versus benefits

It is also essential to monitor vaccine safety now that many millions of doses have been administered. The benefits of all the vaccines greatly outweigh the risks when virus transmission is occurring at high levels, but we must continue to collect data to ensure the safest use of the vaccines. There is still much to do to bring this pandemic to an end, but the number of vaccines now in use around the world is a source of hope for all of us.

Vaccines have been a neglected area of medical research for some time, but the great need for them to protect us against coronavirus has resulted in expansion of research and manufacturing capabilities. This puts us in a better position to react more quickly the next time that we need to.

Deployment of non-pharmaceutical measures against coronavirus has also shown us how we may prevent the spread of influenza and other respiratory infections. Another vaccine that has been in development for much longer than the coronavirus vaccines is a malaria vaccine developed by my colleague at Oxford, Professor Adrian Hill. This recently demonstrated high efficacy in a clinical trial in Burkina Faso and offers the prospect of being able to protect children in malaria-endemic areas from that terrible disease.

I would like to end by thanking the Universal Peace Federation for promoting peace and co-operation, to unite countries through interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values and for bringing particular attention to the leadership of women. It is essential that countries continue to work together at this critical time. Thank you for your attention. 

The writer was awarded the Albert Medal from the (British) Royal Society of Arts for her work in developing the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine.





Many Will Benefit from a Unified Korea

By Jim Rogers

It is a distinct honor for me to have the opportunity to participate in today's Rally of Hope and the launch of Think Tank 2022. I want to share a few words with you about an extremely important, and exciting topic.

First, let me say a word of appreciation to the Universal Peace Federation for all its good work around the world, and to its co-founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, whom I respect greatly. I also want to congratulate you on the launch of Think Tank 2022, an international alliance for a unified Korea dedicated to promoting peaceful reunification and opening up the Korean Peninsula.

Although I was born in the United States, I have lived for many years in Asia. I have watched the development of Asia over many decades, and I am certainly not referring only to China, but to Japan, Southeast Asia and Korea, especially Korea. As the expression goes, "Asia is where the action is, where the future is." The opportunity for development is immense; that is why I am here. In many respects, I believe we are only at the beginning of a long period of sustained development for Asia. There are those who speak, like Dr. Moon and many others, of an Asia-Pacific Era.

Furthermore, in my estimation, Korea is at the very heart of this global transition. Now, of course, as we all know, unfortunately, we have some serious problems on the Korean Peninsula. The division between South Korea and North Korea has been there, unbelievably frozen in place, for more than seventy years. There are bitter, hard feelings on both sides.


I hope we can open it up. There is also room for tremendous hope. Can you imagine what would be possible if what is now the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) were opened for railway and highway traffic? The opportunities for commercial development and cultural development would be unlimited. This also applies to the potential for an undersea tunnel between Japan and Korea, providing a railway and highway link between these two economic powerhouses. We could drive from Tokyo to London.

Once the barriers start to come down, there will be an explosion of growth, once we open the 38th parallel, it will benefit not only North Korea and South Korea, but China, Russia, Japan, Asia, Southeast Asia—the whole world. Think of the savings alone that would come from demilitarization. If we do not have to spend money on tanks and guns, millions of people would live positive lives, build factories, build schools and improve the lives of everybody around.

Once again, I want to congratulate the launch of Think Tank 2022, which will support the international alliance for a unified Korea dedicated to peaceful reunification and opening up of the Korean Peninsula.

I know it is a great initiative, I fully support it. I am very pleased to know that expert working groups will be established in various sectors such as business, academia, media, diplomacy, government, arts and culture. I look forward to the various meetings, conferences, and activities you plan to carry out later this year.

In closing, let me say that I have a great hope that in the very near future we will see a springtime thaw in the chilly relations between North Korea and South Korea.

Let us work together to bring about a new era in the relations between North and South Korea. I want to tell you that *Hanbando*, the Korean Peninsula, will be the single most exciting place in the world once you open that 38th parallel. It will be the powerhouse of Asia. So, let us please, let us open up the 38th parallel. Let us have a big party. Let us sing and dance, and I will buy the soda. 

The writer is a world renowned investor and founder of the Rogers Holding Company Inc.



We Exist to Serve our Brothers and Sisters in Need

By David Beasley


Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends All Over the World, It is a pleasure to join you again for this latest Rally of Hope, which brings together people of faith in an effort to solve some of the critical global challenges we face. I would like to thank Dr. Moon and her team for making this event possible. This Rally is reaching across continents, uniting people all over the world in a spirit of peace, mutual prosperity, and public service. It highlights the importance of everyone coming together to work for peace around the world.

I know that the dream of peace throughout the Korean Peninsula is shared by millions of men, women, and children on both sides of the border, and by people everywhere. Congratulations on the launch of Think Tank 2022 at this Rally of Hope—which will form expert working groups in various fields of expertise all working to find the best pathways for the peaceful development of Korea. At the World Food Program, we know from our work that where there is conflict, hunger is never far behind. But where there is peace, fewer children go hungry, and they have hope for a brighter tomorrow. For those of you not familiar with our work, the World Food Program is the world's largest humanitarian agency working to end global hunger.

Last year, we reached a hundred and fifteen million people in over eighty countries with food assistance. We exist to serve our brothers and sisters in need— wherever they may be. Last October, we were truly honored to be awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of our efforts to foster peace and healing in a troubled world.

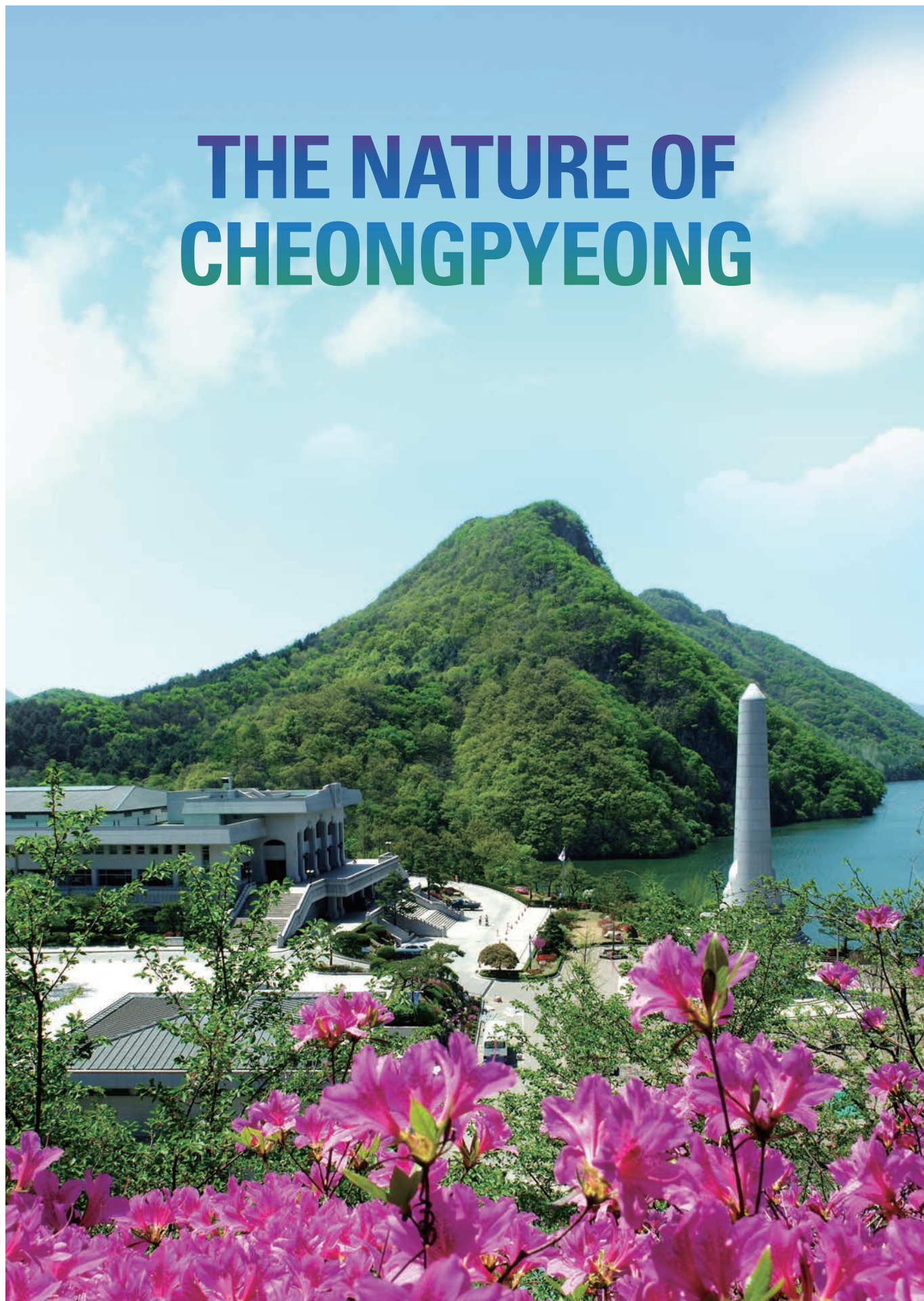
At WFP, we have a long history of partnership and co-operation with the peoples of the Korean Peninsula. For many years we have worked with the governments of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and the Republic of Korea, to ensure that every child—no matter where she or he lives—has healthy, nutritious food to eat. WFP has been present in DPRK since 1995.

We provide specialized nutritious foods for mothers and children under the age of 12, which are distributed to kindergartens, schools, orphanages, and hospitals across the country. We still have a very long way to go before every child, in every part of the world, has enough to eat. But the Republic of Korea's story gives me hope for the future. WFP started working in the country way back in 1964, in the aftermath of the Korean War, and for twenty years we supported the Korean people with food assistance. During this period, the country rebuilt itself from the ground up. In just one generation, the Republic of Korea went from aid recipient to aid donor. Today, it is WFP's eleventh largest government supporter. This is an inspirational journey which proves that with commitment and hard work, eradicating hunger is achievable. It is a tremendous example of everything we strive for at WFP.

Our task has undoubtedly been made harder over the past year by the devastating impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. But this unprecedented crisis is also our chance to show that we will love our neighbor and work as one to create the better and more peaceful world we all want to see. This is how we will solve the complex problems that exist in the world today. So, let us come together and build a global community based on freedom, faith, family, and service. One that supports human dignity and truly values the life of every single man, woman, and child. We can all contribute to this mission. And if we work together, in partnership, I truly believe we will one day achieve our dream of a world free from hunger and conflict. When people come together to pray, miracles happen. So, let us all pray together for peace and healing on the Korean Peninsula, and around the world. God bless you all and thank you. 

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THE NATURE OF CHEONGPYEONG





Construction of the Cheongpyeong Training Center began on June 17, 1971.



The Cheongpyeong Training Center in 2012



The HJ Cheonju Cheonbo Training Center today

In the fresh spring sunlight, the dazzlingly beautiful landscape of the hyojeong heavenly spring garden has burst into bloom!

The spring breeze is blowing in from heaven. Sprouts of new life are emerging everywhere. With the grace of spring's vitality, the azaleas bloom beautifully as if expressing true joy under the bright sunlight. In search of love, in search of you, bees and butterflies flock together. The joy of love is in full bloom. Spring flowers, too, are in full bloom! What wonderful news of the Cosmic Holy Wedding of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind! It was the grand beginning of the spring festival of hope. The Hyojeong Special Great Works commemorated the celebration of the sixty-first anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding!

True Parents' lives and providence centered on peace

In 1960, Heaven witnessed True Parents' Holy Wedding. Since then, they have trod a path for humanity to return to our Heavenly Parent, for Heaven to liberate humanity and

realize a peaceful world. After millennia of waiting, the wings of peace extend fully over the homeland of blessings. We bask in its shade.

After starting with the construction of the Original Sanctuary (Won Seongjeon, a workshop site) in 1971, in 2012, True Parents prepared this place as the central holy ground of Cheon Il Guk (the Cheongpyeong Training Center) and finally in 2021, the Cheonbo providence arose on its fiftieth anniversary.

The spiritual history of resurrection, salvation, eternal life and rebirth through spirit and truth began like a spark, and through the chanyang sessions and workshops, Heavenly Parent has bestowed unto us the amazing gift of ancestor liberation and blessings. The Cheonbo providence is going forward with the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind's blessing centered on the HJ Cheonju Cheonbo Training Center. True Parents have also established five branch centers, and the Cheonshimwon and the Cheonbo Education Center. This garden of revival has now reached a new

plateau. Cheonwon Gung, now arising on a nearby mountainside, is the center of the Cheonwon Holy Ground, which will develop further with the Hwajowon Arboretum, Hyojeong Hotel and the Bukhan River Hyojeong Cruise Ships. The HJ Cheonwon Project is progressing smoothly, revealing its majesty one facet at a time, thanks to Heaven's support and embrace. True Parents' grace is shining like a bright sun! By True Parents having asked all blessed families worldwide to become honored families of Cheon Il Guk, Cheonbo families, and to become honored models for all their descendants, they have showered us with grace and great blessings.

The grace of the Cheonbo Special Great Works

On April 25, True Parents officiated the Hyojeong Blessing Festival at the Cheongshim World Peace Center. The celebration of the sixty-first anniversary of the Holy Wedding of the True Parents of Heaven Earth and Humankind manifested magnificently and graciously, bringing great joy




and excitement to all whose hearts it touched.

On April 27, in addition to the Pledge Service, the historic Cheonwon Gung Ridge Beam Ceremony took place, giving hope to families around the world. During this festive time, our True Parents, along with Hyo-jin nim, Heung-jin nim and Grandmother Han (Daemonim) presided over the Hyojeong Cheonbo Special Great Works commemorating the anniversary of the Holy Wedding. What a time of grace in which the absolute good spirits became one with us. Above all, the grace of heavenly fortune brings hope of fulfilling our holy desires. The Hyojeong Offering Ceremony for the Inheritance of Heavenly Fortune is a time of great optimistic expectation and blessing, something we have all hoped for and eagerly anticipated.

The light of Heaven's powerful Holy Spirit shines on us like a searchlight, bringing us special grace, removing the traces and memories of the sins of our ancestors and separating corrupt spirits from us. Through the *chanyang*

yeoksa and the ancestor liberation ceremony, our ancestors from the first to the 430th generation find relief in the holy atmosphere. Members worldwide received grace through the live broadcast on a two-way virtual video platform.

Reborn via the true blessing

The spring breeze of hope in the Hyojeong Spring Garden is filled with the fragrance of flowers reminiscent of pure love. In the new spring of the providence that has descended on us like a miracle, a sense of hope warmly radiates within us. Heavenly Parent! True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind! With all sincerity, gratitude and piety we offered our hyojeong offering papers! We are in the golden age of life, shining with blessings. Help us become Cheonbo citizens with hearts alive with hyojeong. Let us bloom like spring flowers! Our True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are rays of hope and blessings for the whole world. We sincerely offered our congratulations on the sixty-first anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding! 

- ① True Mother during the celebration of the three holy days on April 27
- ② True Mother with members of Hyo-jin Moon's and Heung-jin Moon's families during the celebration
- ③ Shin-heung Moon singing at the celebration
- ④ Mrs. Wonju Jeong McDevitt led hoondokhae
- ⑤ Dr. Young-ho Yun was master of ceremonies
- ⑥ The Little Angels delighted the audience.



True Parents on December 28, 2007 at Cheongpyeong

GOD AND TRUE PARENTS' GRACE: ANCESTOR LIBERATION

To capture the spirit of this year's especially significant Hyojeong Cheonbo Great Works Commemorating True Parents' Sixty-First Holy Wedding Anniversary, we here present three important facets of that May 1 experience—a description of the Offering Ceremony for the Inheritance of Heavenly Fortune, the message by Prophet Radebe, whose members took part in the workshop and ancestor liberation, and then True Mother's prayer on that day as the grand finale.





The Hyojeong Cheonbo Great Works is a holy and sacred experience held in the presence of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. This year was special, since members of Prophet Radebe's church participated and since the grace of the Hyojeong Offering Ceremony for the Inheritance of Heavenly Fortune (the Wish Papers' physical destruction in water) took place simultaneously at Cheongpyeong and in the city of Obihiro, on Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island. The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind made this possible.

This time was one full of historic, amazing spiritual grace that embraced our worldwide family members together with four million members of Prophet Samuel Radebe's Revelation Spiritual Home who participated online in keeping with the COVID-19 prevention policy.

Beloved family members, this year marked the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the Cheonbo history, which True Parents initiated

[Father and members built a workshop center on the same site as the Cheongpyeong Training Center in 1971]. We held this special great works in commemoration of True Parents' Holy Wedding Anniversary, that glorious day for Heavenly Parent and True Parents. Absolute good ancestors, including Hyo-jin nim's, Heung-jin nim's and Daemo nim's families—who are our consistent models as blessed families—joined us and worked with us.

In particular, the Hyojeong Offering Ceremony brought the grace of completely erasing the traces and memories of the sins of our ancestors, who have become absolutely good. We wish all brothers and sisters participating in this Great Works received abundant grace.

The Peace Offering is an interfaith water ceremony and a declaration to Heaven for the realization of a heavenly unified world. This time, Prophet Radebe and seven other representatives of religious groups around the world offered the Hyojeong Cheonbo Great Works Peace Offering. Imboni Uzwi Lezwe

- ① The offering of Wish Papers at the May 1–2 Great Works
- ② Dr. Young-ho Yun was master of ceremonies.
- ③ Ki-seong Lee, the Cheonshimwon director, read the report of gratitude to Heaven during the Hyojeong Offering Ceremony for the Inheritance of Heavenly Fortune.
- ④ They are leading faithful people around the world through ansu.

Samuel Radebe, chairman of IAPD Africa; Levi Zalman, secretary general of the Jewish Board of Grand Deputies (South Africa); Grand Mufti Assudallah John Mwale, secretary general of the Muslim Council of Zambia; Bishop November Z. Mbele, Sufficient Grace of the Lord; Archbishop Vusi Gama, Trust in Christ Ministries; Reverend Albert Mbonelleli Petse, Universal Khathisma of Apostolic Church in Zion; and Reverend Jimmy Nkosi, The Christian Apostolic Church in Zion of the Southern Africa came together to make this offering. We will now conduct the interfaith water ceremony. One, two, three... Combine the waters! 

True Mother Has Given Us Many Blessings

By Prophet Radebe

Beloved True Mother, Mother of Peace and Only Begotten Daughter, Beloved Cheonbo Families and Blessed Families Attending the Cheonbo Great Works workshop!

First, I would like to congratulate True Parents on the sixty-first anniversary of their Holy Wedding, the Beam Ceremony to dedicate the framework of Cheonwon Gung and this historic Great Works Workshop that is taking place online. I also want to thank Umfihlakalo, the Creator, for blessing Africa with a rich tradition of spirituality that has been passed down through generations.

I, Imboni Dr. Uzwi-Lezwe Radebe, am a descendant of a long line of illustrious African prophets and was recently appointed the spiritual advisor of the Ama Hlubi Kingdom. I was also appointed by True Mother as the chair of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) Africa.

In African spirituality, we believe in the importance of honoring ancestors, not worshipping them. We believe that ancestors are alive in the spirit and can bless their descendants with good fortune. We also believe that ancestors who have been wronged in the past need to be liberated from their pain and suffering and blessed. On January 19, 2018, True Mother visited Gorée Island, the largest slave-trading center on the African coast, which operated between the fifteenth and nineteenth centuries. There, she offered a prayer of liberation for the millions of people who had suffered from the scourge of slavery.

Having liberated Africa's ancestors, she then blessed Africa's children, her children, beginning with the special Blessing Festival on November 23, 2018, in Cape Town. On June 7, 2019, True Mother then visited Hector Pieterse Memorial, where she offered a prayer of liberation for the millions of people who suffered from Apartheid, discrimination and oppression. The next day, True Mother hosted a one-hundred-thousand-person Blessing Festival at the historic Orlando Stadium, where she blessed the entire nation and continent. True Mother's blessings continued on December 7, 2019, when she hosted a two-hundred-thousand-person continental Summit and Blessing Festival at FNB Stadium, millions throughout the continent attended. It rained so much that day and as True Mother said, "The downpour from the skies of South Africa was Heaven's tears of joy." It was my honor and blessing as Imboni and spiritual prophet to co-host the Blessing Festivals.

True Mother's blessings did not end there. Blessed families have the responsibility to share the Blessing with



Prophet Radebe addressing the audience at the Cheonbo Special Great Works including members of the Revelation Spiritual Home, which he is the founder of.

430 families and 430 generations of ancestors. True Mother is giving the incredible grace of being registered as Cheonbo families, Heaven's treasures. Cheonbo families are the citizens of Cheon Il Guk who are recognized by Heaven as having accomplished their mission. Today, we are blessed to attend the Cheonbo Great Works workshop. Through this workshop, we can liberate and bless our ancestors.

On October 10, 2020, True Mother held the first Cheonbo Induction Ceremony, and I can assure you, we will be next! Beloved True Mother, I congratulate you for this extraordinary initiative. I wish to express my profound gratitude for such an auspicious occasion in which the Revelation Spiritual Home can receive the grace of the Cheonbo Great Works hosted by True Mother.

Today, more than two hundred thousand people from the Revelation Spiritual Home are joining the Cheonbo Great Works, with millions watching. Beloved True Mother may the Creator, our Heavenly Parent, Umfihlakalo, give you more strength and good health and a long life. Thank you very much. 7

Our Hearts Long for Our Original Hometown

True Mother



On this day of joy and delight for heaven and earth that will be recorded in history, as God's only begotten daughter and the True Mother, I would like to tell you about something I dreamed of doing when I was a fifteen-year-old girl, not so long after the Korean War. The world had also fought the Second World War, after which the two spheres of democracy and communism were in a state of conflict. During the period before and after the Second World War, many beautiful songs were written in the United States.

These are the words of one such song:
Carry me back to old Virginny [the US State of Virginia]
There's where the cotton and the corn and potatoes grow.
There's where the birds warble sweet in the springtime.
There's where this old black man's heart longs to go.
There's where I labored so hard for old Massa,
Day after day in the field of yellow corn;
No place on earth do I love more sincerely
Than old Virginny, the state where I was born.

Listening to this melody and the words, about the hometown of this old black man, he was likely living in a different place. That time, however, was the time around the Civil War in the United States. Later, there was the Second World War. Perhaps here lies the reason he had had to leave his hometown. So this is a song about someone wishing to return to his hometown before he

- ① True Mother delivering this address
- ② Dr. Yun, director-general of the FFWPU International Headquarters, and Mrs. Wonju Jeong McDevitt, chief of True Mother's Secretariat, offering flowers
- ③ Ki-seong Lee, director of the Cheonshimwon and Myeong-gwan Lee, vice-director of the HJ Heaven and Earth Cheonbo Training Center presenting gifts

becomes too old, and to be buried there. How could I, as a girl of just fifteen, love the melody of this song and the story of this old black man? As I reminisce over this, I come to realize once more that "God is love."

We came to be the position of the True Parents in 1960, yet without a supportive Christian environment, True Parents' sixty-year course has been a rough and thorny path in the wilderness. You will be aware of all that happened from the time I proclaimed Cheon Il Guk in 2013 to when I proclaimed the firm establishment of Cheon Il Guk, where we can all live in attendance to our Heavenly Parent. At that time, I had to decide where to go on a world speaking tour. I decided to go to Africa. Many leaders at that time expressed their concern, saying it would be better to go where we have a slightly stronger foundation. However, I chose Africa. The African continent has seen the most hardships in all of history. Though they were treated as less than human, going through indescribable suffering, I was aware that there were righ-



True Mother delivering this address to a small audience in the Cheonshim World Peace Center and to numerous others worldwide via the Internet

teous people and prophets who still clung on to God, asking for God's compassion.


I went to Africa, therefore, and met many righteous people. There, I spoke about God's providence and revealed I was God's only begotten daughter. They all welcomed me. In particular, many religious leaders welcomed me. Among them, I spoke with Prophet Radebe for thirty minutes about God's providence. He accepted me as God's only begotten daughter and True Mother, and became True Mother's son.

All fallen people wish to be able to go in front of Heavenly Parent and be loved as true sons or daughters. I therefore explained to Prophet Radebe, "The Blessing does not end with you as an individual. As a prophet, your responsibility is to bring all those who follow you to receive God's Blessing all together, and to open the way for them to become proud sons and daughters of our Heavenly Parent." He has fulfilled his responsibility and I will speak proudly of Prophet Radebe's family.

Now this will not stop at the level of one religious order. In order to guide all the people of Africa to become Heavenly Parent's children, these two hundred thousand followers receiving this Blessing today should fulfill their responsibilities and become heavenly tribal messiahs. If they accomplish this, it will open the way for all those of African descent across the five oceans and six contents, as well as their ancestors, to be registered as Heavenly Parent's children. I will be grateful if they can invest greater effort to help the African continent stand in a position to fulfill its responsibility.

At the beginning of my speech, I mentioned the story of a black man. Can we deny that this is God's tremendous grace and love? In those days, when I was young, I didn't know so much about Africa. Yet, I am aware that it was God's Will that I, as the future begotten Daughter and True Mother, should open the way to the grace of the Blessing first for the African continent that has suffered the most pain throughout history.

Today, I want to say to all the blessed couples that are working to become Cheonbo couples as well as all Cheonbo couples that I love you. For the first time in God's providence as well as in human history, the True Parents on earth are building a temple where Heaven's dream is coming true, and where we can live together and in attendance to Heavenly Parent. Please do not forget that you are living in a golden age together with True Mother, God's only begotten Daughter, a time when the fruits you bear through your devotion and effort can be recorded in your name in the Cheon Il Temple.

What you do will be remembered in the eternal world, and you will stand as proud and honorable ancestors and a noble family in front of your descendants. Considering this, I sincerely hope that you will lead your lives so that you can return gratitude and glory for the tremendous love God has given you. I give you my blessing for this. 

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