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Let's Inherit True Mother's Heart and Restore those in Our Second Generation

By Sang-il Bang



It is an infinite honor to greet beloved Cheon Il Guk leaders and blessed family members around the world.

Recently, on August 1, in heavenly Japan, together with True Mother, the only begotten daughter and the substantial Holy Spirit, we held the Worship Service of Hope. Starting on February 7, the continent of heavenly Japan received great grace through the Worship Service of Hope, which we held six times, once for our five subregions in direct connection with True Mother at Cheon Jeong Gung and once additionally for subregion 1 on August 1.

The world is going through a difficult time due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but thanks to the providence led by True Mother, who has already opened the instantaneous (one-second) era, many blessed family members could directly feel her love, hear what True Mother said about Japan and hear her pray with determination for the victory of heavenly Japan.

After True Father's Seonghwa, True Mother devoted three years to mourning True Father, and centered on three central providential points—evangelism, creation of an evangelistic environment, and nurturing future talents—she victoriously brought about Vision 2020. Among the central points, the most important is nurturing talent among the second generation members. True Mother's providence for the second generation was to spur them into action. These seeds of True Mother's love are now blooming and bearing fruit on the heavenly continent of Japan.


With the start of a new system on October 11, 2020, we have established policies and carried out activities for those in the second generation with the greatest emphasis being on inheriting True Mother's *shimjung*, her deep heart. Of course, the Cheonbo providence for blessed families seeks to create a foundation of ten thousand members in each area. Achieving that would fulfill the mission of the mother country of realizing reunification on the Korean Peninsula and world peace. Thus, we are conducting evangelism activities through autobiography distribution centered on those in our second generation.

Based on that providence, heavenly Japan has trained four thousand members through our Top Gun program, and these young people are now working at the forefront, carrying out evangelism as special heavenly warriors for the providence with the awareness of being *hyojeongrang*, heavenly treasures. In addition, starting in 2021, thirty-six young pastors, mainly second-generation members, have been assigned as heads of major churches in the field. Meanwhile, young students in each district are running witnessing campaigns energetically.

However, our second generation members do not all have hopeful feelings or good memories. As the president of the continent of heavenly Japan, I heard, saw and understood the sad situation of some second generation members and realized that many in our second generation were not attending church. As such, I arranged for all public officials in the headquarters and in the field to conduct nationwide activities to restore our lost second-generation realm.

We grasped the true situation of those in our second generation and discussed it in earnest several times. As we toured all the subregions, these young members shared their candid situations and made sincere appeals to us. As a result, through a twenty-one-day Divine Principle workshop, those who had not been attending church came back to the church, and with their families they have made a fresh start in their lives of faith.

In order to successfully realize Vision 2027 and fulfill the providence of a heavenly unified Korea and a heavenly unified world, we must find those in need, who struggle, experience pain and have wounds as their parents worked hard toward the construction of the substantial establishment of Cheon Il Guk. We are rebuilding the precious second-generation realm. This is a providence that cannot be given up or delayed.

Thinking of the bravery of True Mother, the only begotten daughter, the substantial Holy Spirit, the Mother of Peace, who rejoices over the return of and salvation of those in our second generation, the continent of heavenly Japan will move forward toward victory with a life-or-death determination and with all our energy. 

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True Father's Seonghwa (Holy Ascension) and Inheriting the Tradition

True Father's Holy Ascension

As if True Father were preparing for his Holy Ascension, during the last three years of his life, beginning in 2010 when he proclaimed the heavenly calendar, he pushed himself relentlessly, to the point of being cruel to his own body. At his advanced age, traveling even once a year would be difficult.

Nevertheless, he traveled overseas on more than ten occasions to speak at locations throughout the world. He maintained his schedule of daily hoondokhae and personally educated members, speaking about the urgency of advancing the providence.

For the sake of world restoration,

True Father wanted to complete the unfinished providence for the United Nations. So on the 27th day of the 5th month by the heavenly calendar (July 16) in 2012, True Father inaugurated the Abel Women's UN. This was the last providential organization he established in his lifetime.

A month before his Holy Ascension, on the 15th day of the 6th month by the heavenly calendar (August 2), True Father suddenly visited the Osan School, which had been relocated to Seoul from his hometown of Jeongju in North Korea. There he took some time to reminisce over his life. The following week, on the 25th day of the 6th month (August 12) at the Cheon Jeong Gung Palace

he prayed, "Dear God, blessed are You. Please allow me to offer my life for You. The next day, on the 26th day of the 6th month (August 13), he offered his final prayer on earth in which he proclaimed in the presence of True Mother, "I have finished all of my mission for the providence of restoration. At 1:54 a.m. on the 17th day of the 7th month by the heavenly calendar (September 3) in 2012, at the age of 93 by Korean counting, True Father ascended to heaven.

During the thirteen-day period following his Holy Ascension, countless people from virtually every nation came to pay their respects at memorial altars that were set up throughout the world. Leaders from

around the world, including many heads of state, sent floral tributes and messages of condolence. A message of condolence from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) via telegram stated, "Although Reverend Sun Myung Moon has passed on, all of his efforts and achievements to bring harmony and unity to the Korean people, to unify the Korean Peninsula, and to realize world peace, will be known forever. North Korea also conferred on True Father a special "Unification of the Fatherland Award.

Media outlets in Korea and throughout the world, including the Associated Press and CNN, treated the story of True Father's passing as headline news. They published and broadcast special reports about his life and achievements, which highlighted that True Father's entire life was one of true love and dedicated to world peace. In this way, people around the world expressed their condolences over the passing of True Father.

During this time, members from across the world gathered every morning at the Cheongshim Peace World Center, where they offered prayers, devotion and hoondokhae. At Cheon Jeong Gung Palace, where True Father's body lay in state, heads of state and former heads of state, leaders from throughout the world, and an endless line of members paid their respects.

At the Ipjeon Ceremony (when the body is placed in the coffin) on the day before True Father's Seonghwa (Holy Ascension Ceremony), True Mother declared her determination, saying, "As long as I remain alive, I will devote myself completely to the establishment of Cheon Il Guk on earth.

On the following day, the 29th day of the 7th month by the heavenly calendar (September 15), True Mother officiated the Holy Ascension Ceremony at the Cheongshim Peace World Center. An enormous crowd attended, including thirty-one religious leaders representing different religions and denominations from Korea and around the world, current and former heads of state, and more than 30,000 blessed members of the church. They crowded inside and outside the Peace World Center as



We miss True Father. True Mother and True Father, after fifty-two years side-by-side, are one in heart.

well as in the meeting halls of the Cheongpyeong Training Center.

On the day of the Holy Ascension Ceremony, the funeral procession bearing True Father's casket departed from Cheon Jeong Gung Palace at 10:00 a.m. and, proceeding slowly, arrived at the Peace World Center 40 minutes later. With two True Children in the lead and True Mother and the rest of the True Family following behind, twelve pallbearers bore True Father's casket into the Peace Center, where it was placed atop a platform covered in roses and lilies.

Amid outpourings of emotion from the crowd, distinguished guests from Korea and overseas offered tributes praising True Father's legacy. One said, "Reverend Moon, you have left behind many accomplishments that we must continue to develop. You are the victor who led the way for interreligious harmony and taught all of us to follow the will of God. Your life accomplishments will always be remembered. The ceremony, which lasted two hours, was webcast by

Internet to members around the world. All had an opportunity to unite with the teaching and love of True Father and make a new determination to work toward the settlement of Cheon Il Guk.

As True Father's casket left the Peace Center and headed back to Cheon Jeong Gung Palace, shouts of "We love you! You worked so hard! We will attend you forever! rang out. As the funeral procession climbed the road to Mt. Cheonseong, members holding flags, roses and lilies pledged with shouts and tears, "True Father, we will fulfill your will without fail! We will unceasingly move forward with True Mother, and we will be victorious!

True Father's casket arrived at the burial site, called the Bonhyangwon (Original Home Garden), and there the Wonjeon Ceremony took place. After a reading about the reality of the spirit world, members of the True Family and other representatives each offered a rose, then a shovelful of soil. The ceremony closed with everyone



True Father lived life to the fullest and all of us can recall moments of joy when seeing Father's smile.

joining in three cheers of Eog-mansei, "Eog-mansei for the true, holy and virtuous Lord of Cheon Il Guk, who reigns over myriad peoples, is triumphant on all levels and inaugurates the era of peace and prosperity! "Eog-mansei for the Wonjeon Ceremony for the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind! This concluded the 13 days during which True Father was sent off to the next world, filled with tributes and heartfelt love from all over the world.

You do not understand God's situation. I am sitting here in front of you because I know about it. What do you think I want at the age of 92? I don't want anything. I am trying to give whatever I have to others. Even as I speak to you, I am choking up. If you had eyes in the back of your head to see all your shameful past, all you could do would be to cover your face and run away.

I would like to go with you and protect you; however, the responsibility of the Son and the Daughter

whose mission is to pioneer the way of heaven is a fearful one. Korea could vanish. Asia could vanish. The entire world could vanish. Until you die, you may not understand what I am saying.

Where do you think I want to go right now? It is a place I miss so much, where when I was a boy, I came to know the will and wept countless tears. Whenever I had a chance, I would hold onto one particular tree and weep so bitterly, thinking that no one before me ever understood God's situation. When I went to North Korea I visited that place, but the tree was gone; someone had cut it down. I am thinking of restoring that place to its original form.

When you can follow in my footsteps, shedding tears of gratitude, and move together with me, that fatherland of my birth will begin to revive. That is how you can liberate me. I will leave this world with such a hope in my heart, but it is you, who actually live in this world, who can do it. I will have to pass away, and when I do, I

will entrust this world into your hands.

I suffered in the prime of my youth. Because of the course of suffering that I passed through during all the younger years of my life, I could not give my own sons and daughters and their children all the blessings that I wanted to give them. My only wish now is to become the ancestor who can bequeath all of them to your future descendants. I have no other wish. That is my only desire.

In order to take responsibility for God's bitter pain and sorrow, I think that I should go to the spirit world quickly. When I go there, I will appear before God as a devoted son. He will invest me with a royal robe. Then, I will make a new start.

When God sees me, he will kiss me and tell me that ever since I was a little baby, he has loved me more than any prince or princess in the world. I already know His heart as my Parent. He would want to hold onto me and promise me in tears over and over again, "I will not let you suffer anymore, not for thousands of years, not for all of eternity. Because God has such a heart, when I stand before Him I cannot say, "Heavenly Father, look at all that I have done for You. I already know the love the Father has for me. I know that as soon as I arrive in the spirit world and say, "Heavenly Father, here I am, even if he is sitting on a throne thousands of stories above, he will rush to be with me, shedding tears.

Now the time has come for me to send you out. It means that you need to have your own foundation. When I am in the spirit world, do you think that I should make your foundation? Should I go to the spirit world or not? Should I go to the spirit world soon, or later?

We have not yet opened the age when the ideal that God harbored in His heart is fully realized. Those in the spirit world have not been fully educated either. I should educate them. The time has come for me to assemble all the spirits, even if I have to compel them to come. When I say something there, it will instantly take effect, like a constitutional decree. People do not realize how polluted the vast spirit world has become. I am the only one who can straighten it out, so the spirit world is waiting for me.



Loving companions, loving examples for all Blessed couples

Our life on this earth is like a transit station. That is why I must go to the original homeland and help the people there secure their place.

During the forty days after Father's Seonghwa, he visited many places in the spirit world. He met the providential figures in history, and he personally experienced the situation that existed when God created heaven and earth. Throughout those 40 days, Father visited me at Cheon Jeong Gung, and I spoke with him heart to heart. Father's thoughts were my thoughts, and my thoughts were his. True Father and I resolved that we will compete the final phase of God's providential work with oneness in heart, oneness in mind, oneness in thought and oneness in harmony. In particular, True Father agreed with me 120 percent when I told him I would revive the Korean church with Spirit and Truth.


Today, having concluded that forty-day period, we are at the starting point of a new providence. True Father is making a new start in the

spirit world. Hence, in order to return glory to heaven and bring settlement to Cheon Il Guk on earth, we also will have to make a life-and-death determination and totally invest ourselves. We must walk in step with True Father.

The forty days after True Father's Seonghwa is a special period when Father and I, with one accord, are preparing for a new start in the providence. Suppose you buy a new house. What is the first thing you do when you enter your new house? First, you turn on the lights. Next, you place your belongings in the right places. Only when everything is in order do you start living in your new house. That is what we are doing during these 40 days after Father's Seonghwa. It is a very important period for Father and me. When I told Father, "I will bring the church back to the spirit of the church in the early days, making it live and breathe with Spirit and Truth, Father replied, "Mother, thank you very, very much!

Now the time of Father's Seonghwa

is over. During that time we had to take care of so many things. Since you did not know everything from A to Z, you could not do everything that was required. However, now, when it comes to the work of the church, you know what you must do. Hence I am asking that you assist one another in each area of responsibility to complete your tasks with unchanging love and devotion, and also that you fulfill your given responsibilities.

You are the people who directly attended True Father in this age. As members who received the Blessing, you grew up personally listening to True Father's words. Although you were unable to fulfill everything according to his direction, I urge you that even now, you compress ten years into one. Make a life-or-death determination and invest yourselves completely. You need to live such a life every day. 

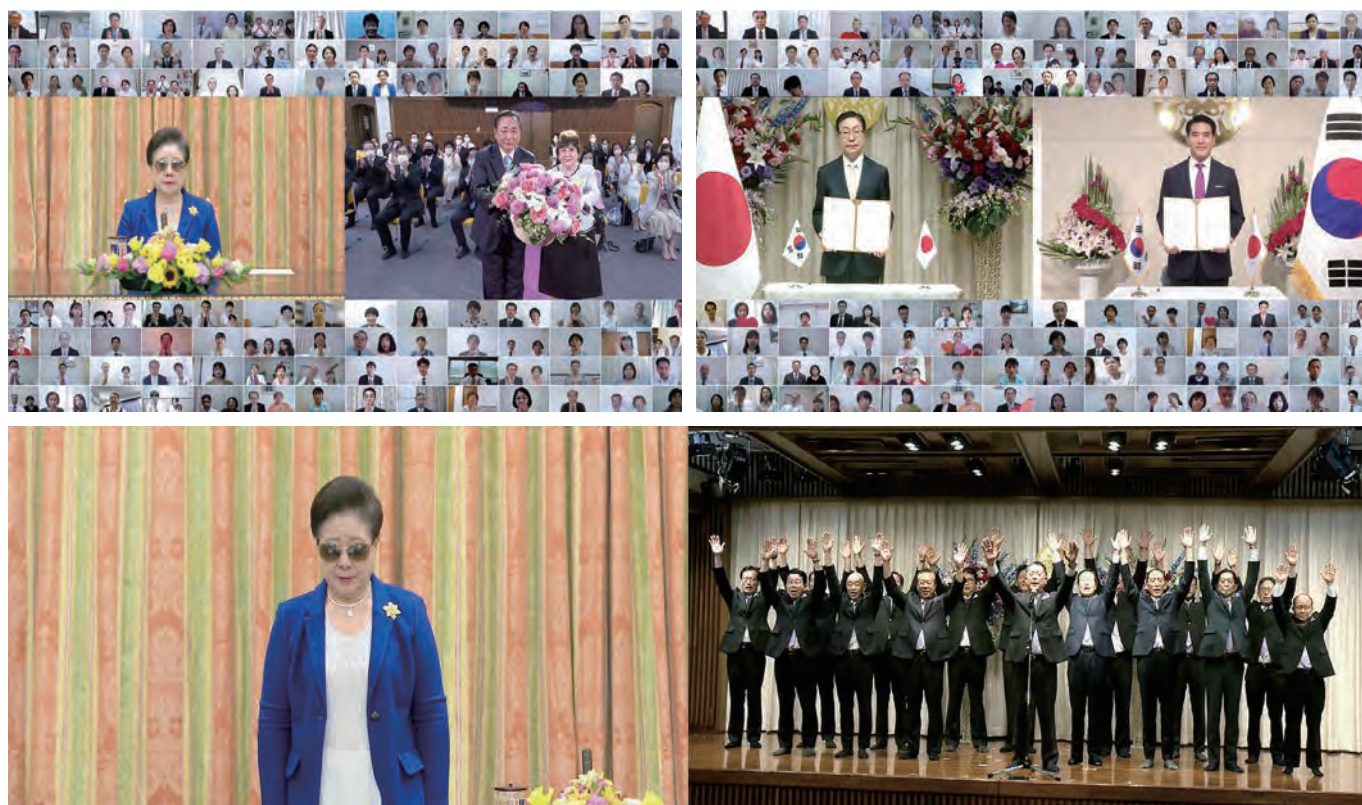
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Two Nations Attending God in Unity

True Mother delivered this message on August 1 from Cheon Jeong Gung in Korea to Japanese members who had gathered in Japan's FFWPU Headquarters for the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community of Japan Subregion 1 Worship Service of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World.





Clockwise from top left: Mr. and Mrs. Ozaki, a Japanese–French couple “present” flowers to True Mother; The presidents of Japan and Korea’s subregion 1 with signed memorandum of understanding on how they will cooperate; Leaders of Japan’s subregion 1, loudly cheering Oeg Mansei!

Beloved public leaders, peace ambassadors and blessed families of Japan! Considering how Japan is positioned, today, though Japan is hosting the Olympics, it cannot be seen as completely successful as the top leaders and the people of Japan still need to unite. In other words, Japan is equipped in every way but lacks a center. It is also the case that throughout six thousand years of history, humanity has sought a peaceful and free world. Yet there is no hope on the horizon. Through events in the natural environment, God is now showing humanity that he can no longer wait. As long as those countries that we call advanced nations continue to pursue human-centered national interests, peace for all humankind cannot come about.

Moreover, how can the natural disasters we are facing today, as a result of human ignorance, be explained? Even the most advanced science and technology cannot provide a solution. The highest-placed leaders of nations need to realize that

their neglecting to take heed God’s warnings and to hear his voice in spite of this reality has caused the indescribable suffering that humankind must today endure. Human civilization is said to have begun from a continental landmass. Considering this, with respect to Korea and Japan, we can say that the history of Korea is longer than that of Japan, and that the culture of the Goguryeo and Baekjae periods may have crossed over to Japan. What should Japan think about this—the possibility that the Korean people may be the ancestors of the Japanese?

Japan, an island nation, must also have known, from a geographical and geopolitical standpoint, how important the Korean Peninsula is, being the closest access point to the larger continent. This is why many bad things came to be inflicted on Korea throughout history. Now, Japan should no longer be a nation that thinks of only herself. Otherwise, there will be no hope in the future. In the face of this reality, what kind of resolve should Japan’s politicians and its people and Korea’s top leaders and

its people have at this point? What we desire is a world of peace, one great human family, centered on our Heavenly Parent—centered on God our Creator. This is what we have been dreaming of, singing about and working to realize.

Korea and Japan, which have been placed at the center of the providence, must not only become one, they should fulfill their roles as the mother and as parents to the world. It is unacceptable for Japan to turn away from this reality. We are at the threshold of the original kingdom of heaven on earth that all people have longed to see. If we just weakly sit down at this point, they have no future.

As the Mother of Peace, God’s only begotten daughter, True Mother, and Mother of the universe, I sincerely and strongly hope that Korea and Japan will become two nations that attend God, our Creator, and fulfill their responsibilities. May the blessed families, ambassadors for peace and leaders in these two nations hasten the day on which these two nations can pledge and proclaim, with one voice, to be united. *TP*

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Let's Celebrate the Day of Victory with One Unchanging Heart

By Kenichi Oyanagi

Good afternoon everybody. My name is Kenichi Oyanagi and the person next to me is my wife, Yuri. Today, I will give a testimony about my meeting with True Mother and how it became the origin of hyojeong within me and a turning point in my life. I will also tell you about meeting a spiritual child.

When I was in my third year of university studies, I participated in the Japan Top Gun College 2017 Workshop, which True Mother hosted, and I performed an energetic song "Cheering for God's will" in front of True Mother. At that time, looking at True Mother's eyes, I felt the love and expectation she has for us. So, I made the big decision to dedicate my life to True Mother. I had dreamed of being a physicist until my third year of college, but when I thought about True Mother's difficult course, I realized that I should take the more public path of becoming a leader within the church.

"As Cheon Il Guk special envoys, you will work with an unchanging heart until we celebrate the day of victory. Isn't that right?" After hearing True Mother say this, I made a firm decision to become a special envoy of Japan and to bring about victory for True Mother through witnessing activities. That was my decision.


After witnessing for a year, I was able to bring in one spiritual child. My spiritual child is now in the fourth



year of college and is working hard to become a high school teacher who spreads true love. My spiritual child is passionate and always strives to fulfill God's will. My spiritual child also adores and respects True Parents.

My spiritual child is the greatest gift God has given me. I can feel God's love exists in the memories we had together and a warmth that is difficult to describe but that still remains. True Mother's great love is present in the witnessing activities we do every day, and I feel a parental desire to help us grow up and to perfect love.

I recently started family life. My wife Yuri is also pursuing a career in public service. At the end of September, this year, our first child, a third-generation member, will be born. In the future, we will build a happy family by relying on one another, and we will surely achieve victory as a Cheonbo family.

The University of Tokyo, which I am responsible for as the CARP president, is said to be a symbol of Japan. So, I pledge to restore this university, so it becomes the heavenly University of Tokyo that serves Heavenly Parent and moves forward as a leader that helps realize a heavenly unified Japan. Thank you, True Parents. I love you. 

Mr. Oyanagi gave this testimony during the Japan Subregion 1 Worship Service with True Mother.



Raising the Anchor: Moving with Hope toward a Heavenly Unified Japan

By Tomihiro Tanaka

Blessed families of heavenly Japan's subregion 1, ambassadors for peace and those who came for the first time to a service of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, welcome! Today, we are here with members and peace ambassadors of Korea's subregion 1. To hold this Worship Service of Hope in our region with the True Mother, God's only begotten daughter and the substantial Holy Spirit, is an honor. Let's take a moment to greet and welcome one another as we start this special service in attendance to True Mother.

Dear brothers and sisters and peace ambassadors!

True Mother celebrated the sixty-first anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding on April 27, and a new dimension in the providence began as True Mother proclaimed Heavenly Parent's Holy Community last year. From the 1960 Holy Wedding, as the True Parents of humankind, they ran the same course—a marathon, until their 60th anniversary; they did not rest even for a moment and pioneered a new future for us today.

Not taking care of their own health, they did their best to keep embracing us even though we are lacking. They moved ahead without stopping, working day and night with a life-or-death determination. Please send a big round of applause to True Mother, who is spending this precious time with us today. Let's express our joy and gratitude.

Before the sermon, I would like to express some of the hope and expectations True Mother conveyed to us at the Subregion 1 Service of

Hope on February 7. "Looking at the fallen world from Heaven's point of view, its history is truly miserable and sad, but if we become victorious through True Parents, a path will appear that allows us to march forward to Heavenly Parent. Through this process of unchanging loyalty, in return, we receive blessings." Isn't this truly hopeful?

"Japan's responsibility is particularly important. Such a time does not come often. This time, all of you have made the determination to achieve national restoration. If you reach this great victory, as the mother nation, you can show to the entire world that hand in hand, we can accomplish miracles. I hope that politicians and blessed families of Japan will be able to achieve this victory."

At the 2017 Hyojeong Family Festival in Osaka, True Mother said, "It is not enough just to know God. Japan must attend and serve God." Having said that, she declared us "heavenly Japan." After a successful seven-year Cosmic Canaan Course, she started the second seven-year course anew, giving us a hopeful goal of creating a heavenly unified Japan. Unity requires a center. I hope that leaders and others will fully unite and move forward toward the establishment of a heavenly unified Japan.

Dear brothers and sisters, and peace ambassadors!

As an island nation in the Pacific Ocean, Japan faces many problems at home and abroad. As you can see from the response to the COVID-19 pandemic over the past year and a half, in



Rev. Tanaka delivering the content of this article at Japan's Subregion 1 Sunday Service of Hope on August 1.

every respect—from energy issues to food issues to international terrorism—countries are limited in what they can do. On a global scale, we must work together. Everyone knows that a high wall called self-centeredness exists. True Mother said, “There must be a movement that puts God the Creator at the center of solving all problems so we can see a bright future.” She has warned us several times already. Now is the time for us to return to the Creator’s vision for the creation.

Dear brothers and sisters!

Heavenly Parent had a dream. He created Adam and Eve, the first human beings, as his children and wanted his dream to come true. However, Adam and Eve abandoned Heavenly Parent’s wishes for their unrighteous desires, destroyed God’s dream and fell. Humanity has lost its parent and has gone through a history of bloodshed and conflicts under false parents.

To find his lost children and fulfill the original dream, Heavenly Parent sent Jesus as the Messiah two thousand years ago. Jesus came to fulfill the ideal Heavenly Parent had at the time of the Creation, but due to human ignorance and unbelief, Jesus died on the cross, leaving only the promise of a Second Coming.

After six thousand years of providential history, Heavenly Parent sent his only begotten son, True Father, and his only begotten daughter, True Mother. Overcoming severe persecutions and trials, they successfully held the marriage supper of the Lamb as promised in the Book of Revelation. That day in 1960 was a

historic moment when the crown of glory was placed upon God’s only begotten son and only begotten daughter, the True Parents of humankind. God’s dream and hope came to life again. Humanity will eternally remember this. Hundreds of thousands of years into the future, no one can take True Parents’ place.

After 1960, through the victorious True Parents, fallen humanity could be reborn as sons or daughters of Heavenly Parent, and a new history of rebirth began—through the Holy Blessing Ceremony. The right to victory has been established all humankind deserves to return to the bosom of their original parent, God.

Humankind’s misfortunes began when we lost God, our parent. Humankind’s hope re-emerged with finding our parent again. The tragic story of bloodshed and struggle is the expression of conflicts in the heart of humans disunited with their lost parent, surrounded by walls—borders, races and nations—all trapped in their own shells starving for their parent’s love, due to the wall of the fallen human heart, the wall of self-centered desires.

But now that time of agony is over. Humanity needs to know that the True Parents of humankind have already triumphed. Humanity needs to know that the True Parents of humankind are alive on earth and are carrying out the providence. Humanity needs to know that the time has come to break down all the walls.

Humanity needs to know that the time has come when we must return to our Heavenly Parent’s lineage from the false lineage. True



True Mother spoke from Cheon Jeong Gung. Rev. Tanaka and his wife sang a song together.

Mother, the victorious only begotten daughter, knocks on the door of our closed hearts with a heart of forgiveness and love and is embracing the entire human race, taking us to Heavenly Parent, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.

Dear brothers and sisters!

In True Mother's memoir, we read: "Our hope is to meet True Parents as a true family. We are completed by True Parents' love. To live in the world as a true human being and lead an eternal life, we must meet True Parents. Even if we die, we must meet True Parents. Even if you forget all your past and lose all your descendants, you can recover your history and the future by meeting True Parents."

Heavenly Parent didn't stop seeking humanity's salvation even after the various types of crucifixion Jesus went through. He endured the two thousand year history of indemnity and established the small Korean Peninsula in a corner of Asia and the Korean people as the chosen people and then sent his only begotten son and daughter.

Japan-Korea relations

As an island nation in the Pacific Ocean, in modern history, Japan found a way to make its way to the mainland. This led to the historical error of aggression, instead of coexistence and co-prosperity. We invaded the Korea, which was located at the entrance to the continent, and left a huge scar, and the pain has continued. At times, we had good relations, but much of our history consists of pain inflicted

by Japanese on Koreans. That Japanese government officials have apologized is true, but the hearts of those who have suffered have not healed. Today, the Korea-Japan relationship is trapped in a web. It has hit a wall.

Dear brothers and sisters, and peace ambassadors!

When we look at the providence from Heaven's standpoint, only one method will solve this problem. In God's providence of salvation, Heavenly Parent chose our neighbors, the Korean people, as the chosen people and sent the True Parents of humankind to earth. Japan made the mistake of invading the nation chosen by Heaven, causing them suffering, and moreover, caused suffering to the True Parents of humankind. We sinned against Heaven. We must first recognize our sins. If one sins against Heaven, one needs to receive forgiveness from Heaven. If we don't receive forgiveness from Heaven, we can never be liberated.

We do not know how fortunate we are that the victorious True Parents are alive now. Only True Parents, sent by God, can receive our plea regarding sins against Heaven, and only True Parents have the power to forgive. They are sorry for children who has committed a mistake, and as parents they have little choice but to forgive him or her, right? This is because the offenders and the victims are both children. True Mother says this in her Memoir: "You can only forgive when in the position of a parent, with the heart of a mother. A mother will even try to change the laws of the country to save her



son from going to the battlefield. That is a mother's heart."

Similarly, in a lecture at the Tokyo Dome in 1992, Father said, "In order that the Japanese not become orphans, we prepared thoroughly. Speaking in Japanese, I repeatedly explained to the Japanese people the reality of being an orphan and not knowing God." True Father explained that he had given the lecture in Japanese with the heart of putting his own life on the line.

True Parents' love, forgiveness

Although historically Japan has committed many sins, we have become one with True Parents, who have constantly forgiven and loved Japan. We should know how True Mother feels after having traversed the line of the providence as the Mother of humanity on earth, pushing forward on the path of Korea-Japan reconciliation through Japan's repentance in front of Heaven.

Japan must change its course so that it can correctly attend Heavenly Parent and True Parents as we move ahead toward a heavenly unified Japan. Aligning our compass with the program for establishing a world of peace promoted by True Mother, who has Heavenly Parent's power of love and forgiveness, is the best way for heavenly Japan to live.

What is our goal?

Now let's get back to our sole objective—reaching True Parents' bosom, True Parents' sphere of heart, Heavenly Parent's dream. Heavenly Parent's original dream has become True

Parents' dream. It has become our dream as Heavenly Parent's children. Peace starts right here.

Dear blessed families and ambassadors for peace! Do you feel that we are increasingly nearer to hearing the bell ring that announces the arrival of a peaceful world, which everyone has longed for, which transcends skin color, religion, time and space? Amidst the chaos of the global COVID-19 pandemic, True Mother is at the forefront of the "instantaneous era," and having created Peacelink as a platform that can unite and attract peace-loving leaders from around the world together. Through Peacelink, she held a series of Rallies of Hope bringing together millions of people. World leaders and scholars in various fields—politics, economy, culture, art, religion, the media—who each wish for a world of peace are all coming together.

Peacelink is becoming the platform of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, proclaimed by True Mother as a providential triumph. Those world leaders that serve God as their parent, reached a point in their hearts when they came to see the truth of True Parents' history and understood the only begotten daughter, True Mother, who embraces humanity. Leaders from all walks of life, including heads of state, religious leaders, scholars and journalists around the world are coming together in this platform for peace.

As one politician said, "Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon is bringing together religious leaders, journalists, businessmen, lawmakers, heads of state and first ladies from all over the world. When



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you are with Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, you can feel God's blessings and experience that all humankind is one family. No matter where you look in the world, you can't find a person who is as devoted to solving the world's serious problems as is Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. The noble ideal of the Nobel Peace Prize (paraphrasing former U.S. Congressman Dan Burton) is well expressed in the quiet devotion of President Hak Ja Han Moon, who throughout her lifetime has sought to resolve human conflicts.

Dear Blessed Families and Ambassadors for Peace!

Do you hear the bell announcing the arrival of world peace? As world leaders join a single initiative, the potential for peace draws nearer. The potential for peace, which has eluded generations of our ancestors, is gradually becoming tangible. Those who are interested in which direction that potential lies need only recognize that True Mother is the Mother of Peace, God's only begotten daughter, sent by God.

I see peace through the heart of a mother who wants to embrace all humankind without leaving anyone behind. Can the peace we were about to give up possibly be achieved? True Mother is sowing the seeds of hope for such peace in the hearts of world leaders. We must nurture this seed of hope well so that it can bear fruit.

In True Mother's autobiography is a passage expressing the idea that another name for "Mother of Peace" is "sacrifice." True Mother's path until now has been one of pain and tears.

Even if we used all the water in the sea as ink and received the scrolls from heaven, we still could not write all she has gone through. Even if we try to clap our hands to congratulate her on her victory in the face of hardship and pain, it would never be enough. The tears she shed, each drop cleansing our sin, her great love bringing us back to our Heavenly Parent. Even though we have turned our backs on God, until we get there, she will never let go of our hand.

Now is our time to sail. Japan, an island nation floating in the Pacific Ocean, must listen to the bell of peace announcing the time of departure and indicating the direction of the compass toward "the establishment of a heavenly unified Japan" in which Heavenly Parent and True Parents are enshrined. As long as we follow True Mother as the tip of the compass needle, our course will not be wrong.

The potential among our youth

It's not only leaders who hear the bells of peace. Talented future leaders in heavenly Japan's subregion 1 are also listening. Many young students with strong willpower and passion have decided to make Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' dreams their own dreams. True Mother herself kindled the fire in their hearts.

On January 3, last year, when 1,200 young students from subregion 1 visited Korea, I was able to meet True Mother. "Certainly, you are great hyojeongrang [heavenly warriors] of this era who will bring about the establishment of the Cheon Il Guk as True Mother's sons and



Japan's subregional presidents expressing their love and affection for True Mother

daughters. In other words, you are the righteous people of this era, sons or daughters with filial piety, whom God loves," she told them. From the short meeting with True Mother, the children were moved to tears, enveloped in the fragrance of True Mother's love. They became deeply attached to True Mother. They formed an impenetrable bond.

At that time, True Mother said, "Your numbers are insufficient, so do what you do tenfold." Those 1,200 sons and daughters neither forgot the moment nor their promise. Their most significant promise is to return to visit True Mother after having accomplished ten-fold what they had done earlier. We are putting in all the effort we can and working hard every day.


In 2023, the year of the dedication of the Cheon Il Temple, on January 3, twelve thousand people will fill the World Peace Center. We dream of the moment of serving True Mother. We boldly challenge ourselves to witness about Heavenly Parent and True Parents. True Mother, please believe in us! The young students of a heavenly unified Japan will surely achieve victory!

Dear members of subregion 1, centered on True Mother, the Mother of Peace, shall we project the beacon of victory for the 2027 providence and together experience a new dimension that only victors can see? Let's march toward the day when all the blessed families will successfully become Cheonbo families and give glory and praise to Heavenly Parent, True Father in Heaven and True Mother, the only begotten daughter, as we complete Cheon Il Guk!

Our firm resolve

True Mother, all members of subregion 1 of heavenly Japan and of heavenly Korea make the following resolutions in front of our beloved True Mother.

1. Just as sunflowers perfectly line up toward the sun, we will become one with True Mother and victoriously accomplish Vision 2027 for the establishment of a heavenly unified world!
2. All blessed families will surely complete the course to be registered as Cheonbo Families and portray exemplary strong conviction filled with absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience!
3. Subregion one of heavenly Korea and subregion 1 of heavenly Japan will unite as brothers and sisters serving True Mother to achieve a heavenly unified Korea!
4. We will nurture the next generation of leaders that True Mother loves and is proud of, creating a youth base of 100,000 people, and making sure that 12,000 hyojeongrangs will visit Korea!

Subregion 1 of heavenly Japan will advance without stopping. This is our life-or-death determination. To advance at all costs! We will absolutely bring victory! Finally, I would like to end by offering my determined heart as the leader of subregion 1. Thank you. 

Rev. Tanaka is president of Japan's subregion 1.



MAJOR EVENTS of the FIRST HALF of 2021

In the midst of a global pandemic, True Mother has been expanding God's providence on earth. It seemed at first that great distance would separate us from True Parents during this time of a global emergency. Yet, True Mother establish a platform from which to reach out to the whole world and bring God's love to his children everywhere. The following are life-changing events True Mother held in the first half of the 2021 heavenly calendar year.



TRUE PARENTS' BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION DAY



On February 24, leaders from all over the world shared their love and gratitude for God's only begotten daughter, the Mother of Peace, our True Mother. True Mother delivered an address that day from the World Peace Center at the celebration of True Parents' Birthday and the Eighth Anniversary of Foundation Day, twelve days after the heavenly calendar new year had begun.

An excerpt from True Mother's speech that day

God's creation is about the perfection of the family. The path for fallen people to come before the Heavenly Parent is only through True Parents. Each blessed family that has received the Blessing through True Parents has their own responsibilities. The point at which that responsibility is fulfilled is when you become a triumphant Cheonbo family with the eternal qualifications of having realized Cheon Il Guk. The years are going by, moving toward the completion of Heaven's providence. You are tribal messiahs and victorious families inducted as Cheonbo, who are together with the only begotten daughter on earth today; this time, when you hold this qualification, is truly your golden age. By 2027, when we will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Heavenly Parent's Day, those who know the True Parents and who know the Family Federation must change.

Leaders from 194 countries and blessed family members could share joy on True Parents' Birthday and the 8th Anniversary of Foundation Day, which is the foundation for the safe settlement of Cheon Il Guk.



HYOJEONG COSMIC BLESSING FESTIVAL CELEBRATING THE 61ST ANNIVERSARY OF TRUE PARENTS' HOLY WEDDING

On Sunday, April 25, from the World Peace Center, True Mother blessed six thousand one hundred couples from all around the world 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.

An excerpt from True Mother's Prayer

Heavenly Parent! You have been waiting throughout the long and difficult history of the providence of restoration through indemnity until this day. As the Creator, you wished to embrace your 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...

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 your name, Heavenly Parent...

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, which Heaven dreamed of and all people have wished for, can come. Your children that 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. Believing that these couples will fulfill their responsibilities, I proclaim and bless this all in True Parents' names. Aju.

True Parents have taught us that through living for the sake of others, we can experience true joy and perfection in the family. And through a blessed marriage—the most precious gift of life—we are reborn as Heavenly Parent's children.



PEACE STARTS WITH ME PEACE AND BLESSINGS IN THE UNITED STATES



This Peace Starts with Me event, on June 5 in the U.S., June 6 in Korea, was an online celebration of peace and of blessings in which the audience could experience the event from their own homes as if seated in the stadium.

An excerpt from True Mother's speech that day

Many things happened during the forty years True Parents invested in America. During the Danbury prison episode, the renowned Jerry Falwell Sr. called for religious freedom, and today his son supports us. Moreover, a representative of the political field, Orin Hatch, a former United States senator, filed petitions until he retired from office. As far as I know, he filed petitions even with former President Trump saying, America's investigation of Reverend Moon was incorrect. Because I had these righteous people to support me, I want to raise the flag that will reawaken America to adopt the Puritan spirit of its past.

I strongly assert that only by attending Heavenly Parent, whose desire is to become the parent of humankind, can we solve all our problems. That is the path to America's survival and the world's. To do that, I also strongly declare that the True Family Movement—which re-engrafts humankind as Heavenly Parent's sons and daughters through True Parents' Marriage Blessing, thereby providing revival and rebirth—is the way to save America and save the world.

In Korea and the United States, we held Blessing Festivals, with thousands of people participating from around the world.



THE CHEONWON GUNG RIDGE BEAM PLACEMENT CEREMONY



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. The ceremony for the Cheonwon Gung ridge beam took place on April 27.

Excerpts from True Mother's prayer that day

Heavenly Parent, we give thanks. You have waited for so, so long. Sixty years have 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 his true children on earth and preparing a promising future in this beautiful spring season, when everything in creation is harmonious and responsive.

All leaders and families who are here today must no longer be disloyal and unfilial children toward God. You 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 passed before we could hold today's Ridge 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.

After the prayer, the ridge beam was ceremoniously put into position. Cheon-Il Guk leaders concluded the ceremony by offering three cheers of Eog Mansei at this holy place, which will help create a new future, one centered on God forever more.



NEWS ITEM 5



HEAVENLY PARENT'S HOLY COMMUNITY PEACE FESTIVAL



Heavenly Parent's Holy Community's Peace Festivals launched a new witnessing culture. True Mother inspired the realization of the Peace Festivals and invited all peace-loving citizens to attend them, so that God can once again lovingly embrace his lost children. Five peace festivals successfully took place this year with the themes of blessing, joy, gratitude, happiness and determination, respectively. Five subregional events had the form of a Sunday service, which led into festivals coordinated by the FFWPU International Headquarters. These festivals were divided into three parts, each with a theme, "Who is the Mother of Peace?" "Who is Heavenly Parent?" and "Who am I?" The festivals afford political and religious figures from all over the world the opportunity to bear witness to Heavenly Parent and the "Mother of Peace," and to reaffirm their determination to achieve a world of peace. These festivals are creating a new culture, one of hyojeong, filial, love.

NEWS ITEM 6

SPECIAL SERVICES OF HOPE FOR THE REALIZATION OF A HEAVENLY UNIFIED KOREA

Another outstanding innovation that True Mother introduced in this era of Cheon-Il Guk's establishment was the Special Worship Services for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea, which took place online at the level of the five subregions of Korea and their corresponding number in Japan. During these Sunday services, True Mother designated five particular flowers to symbolize the five Korean and Japanese subregions and emphasized that members must align themselves with their resolutions in order to present satisfactory results. In addition, she presided over five brotherhood ceremonies for unity between each subregion in the two countries. The leaders and blessed families in the countries pledged to work together to build a heavenly unified Korea.



HEAVENLY PARENT'S HOLY COMMUNITY'S SPECIAL GATHERING IN CELEBRATION OF THE 59TH DAY OF ALL TRUE THINGS AND THE 67TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF FFWPU

The Sunday Service to Celebrate the 59th Day of All True Things and the 67th Anniversary of the Founding of FFWPU, on June 13, at Cheon Jeong Gung, Cheonseong Wanglim Palace (Cheonwon Church) was streamed live online and consisted of three parts. Part 1 of the event was the Pledge Service, part 2 was an awards presentation and part 3 was a special meeting.

True Mother's Speech

Today, we are thinking once again of the achievements and history of the blessed families, who have worked so hard until this day, the sixty-seventh anniversary of our organization. Would you like to celebrate the one-hundredth anniversary [in 33 years' time] on earth with True Mother, God's only begotten daughter? Hence, I pray there will emerge many proud, victorious blessed families and Cheonbo families in the Unification Movement who will hasten that day and thereby be remembered by history. I look forward to seeing whether we can celebrate the 100th anniversary through your devotion and love. Until that day, please stay in good health and do your best with grateful hearts.

On that day, True Mother praised the efforts, to date, of the leaders, encouraging all members to redouble their efforts until the 100th anniversary of the Family Federation. She prayed that they would make history.



A SPECIAL GATHERING OF HEAVENLY JAPAN PASTORS



The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind hosted a special gathering for pastors in heavenly Japan on April 21 that all leaders from across Japan attended. The meeting coincided with the midpoint of a 100-day campaign for the realization of 43 blessed families that began after a February 24 gathering of pastors with True Mother.

True Mother's speech that day

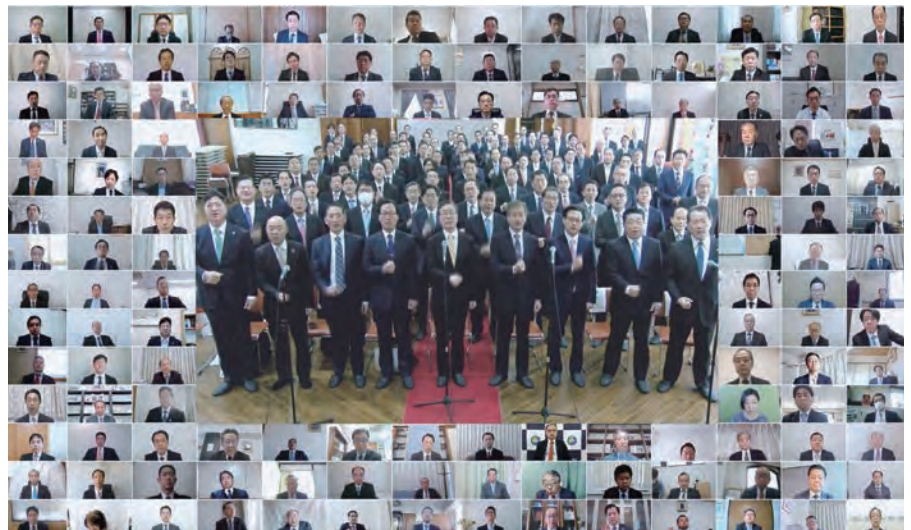
Beloved pastors and leaders of heavenly Japan, I am happy to see you all. I would like to ask you all a question.

What is the mission of the mother nation?

God, the Creator, created the physical world, and then he created a man and a woman to realize his dream. What then was Heavenly Parent's dream? His dream was to become the parent in substance of all people on earth. Although God gave human beings a period of growth, they fell before reaching the perfection stage. According to the Divine Principle, Eve fell first. Ultimately both Adam and Eve fell and were chased out of Eden.

Today, we are finally able to meet and live in attendance to the True Parents, for whom, for so long, we have yearned—the True Parents who can achieve Heavenly Parent's dream and who have emerged victorious on earth. True Parents announced and made Korea and Japan the father nation and the mother nation respectively. Japan, amid fallen humanity, was blessed as the restored Eve nation and mother nation by True Parents.

Yet, when we observe the direction Japan is trying to take today... Blessed families of the Unification Movement, who know the providence, have made the determination to complete their tribal messiahship and to fulfill their responsibility to become registered as Cheonbo families. There is no doubt that



the providence is progressing and unfolding. However, in the process, the politicians of Japan must know about Japan's mission as well. But who is to educate them? I said that the truth about history must not be distorted. What all people of Japan must know, including not only blessed families but also those in the political and financial spheres, is the motive behind Eve's fall at the beginning of Creation during Adam and Eve's time—how Adam was not a great partner, he left alone, Eve became lonely, leading to her Fall.

When we think of this, what then is the mission of the restored Eve nation? Japan, the Eve nation, cannot receive Heaven's blessings on her own. You must understand that the only way for Japan to survive is by correctly knowing the truth about history, and by working closely with Korea, the Father nation. Time won't always wait for us. We must see results while God's only begotten daughter, Mother, is still on earth. Only then can you advance to a position of blessing, of eternal life. I have received reports on your ongoing hard work in each region. However, I cannot be fully satisfied by these.

Boldly and strongly make politicians aware that Japan and Korea must go forward together. Bear in mind that this is the only way for Korea and Japan to become the key players in the era of the Asia Pacific Civilization. So please teach and inspire Japan with desperate, strong determination. Do you understand? Only then can the restored Eve nation and Adam nation stand in the position of being able to fulfill their responsibilities in front of all of humankind. Please keep these points in mind.

The meeting focused on ways to accomplish the substantial settlement of Cheon Il Guk in heavenly Japan. True Mother discussed four types of innovation that are the basis of renewal for Heavenly Parent's Holy Community: renewed organization, renewed pastors, renewed worship culture and renewed churches. She expressed her hope and offered a blessing that all the pastors would be able to successfully complete the Cheonbo path. In her opening message, True Mother clearly described the path that the leaders must follow, and emphasized the mission of Japan as the mother nation.

NEWS ITEM 9

THE FIFTH RALLY OF HOPE FOR THE REALIZATION OF A HEAVENLY UNIFIED WORLD

The first four Rallies of Hope recorded more than a billion views around the world and spread the vision and dream of a single cosmic family living in a world of interdependence, mutual prosperity and universal values. On this basis, the fifth Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World was broadcast live through Cheon Il Guk's online platform, Peacelink, on February 28. The event began



with a spiritual offering for peace led by seven religious leaders from Africa, accompanied by 120 other religious leaders from around the world who participated online in the ceremony. Their representative then offered a prayer expressing everyone's longing for a world of peace. Then the Cheon-Il Guk anthem resounded among the flags of nations. Prophet Samuel Radebe, chairman of IAPD Africa read the Declaration to Heaven. "We affirm the unique and essential role that spiritual leaders are called to play in bringing about a world of lasting peace, a world in which people of all nationalities, ethnicities, races, cultures and worldviews live together in mutual respect, harmony, and cooperation, as one cosmic family under God. We applaud and commend the leadership of Mother Moon, the Mother of Peace and the only begotten daughter, and her late husband, Father Moon, for their vision and work over many decades to create one cosmic family under God. Today's rally brings together a truly global network of people committed to genuinely shared efforts and will become a cornerstone to build lasting peace around the world. Aju!

An excerpt from True Mother's speech that day

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!

The Fifth Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified World has become a beacon of hope in a world spinning towards conflict and division due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite it all, that day's event was watched by more than 549 million people via Peacelink and live broadcasts from 458 public and private broadcasters in 193 countries.



THE LAUNCH OF THINK TANK 2022



The launch of Think Tank 2022 for the Firm Establishment of a Heavenly, Unified Korea took place at the Cheongshim World Peace Center during the sixth Rally of Hope for the Realization of a Heavenly Unified Korea. The event was broadcast live on Peacelink, social networks and national TV channels on May 9. It registered a total of over 1.7 billion views. In his welcome address, Ban Ki-moon, former UN Secretary General, welcomed the establishment of the Think Tank 2022 panel and called for increased international cooperation to bring about peace on the Korean Peninsula. This was followed by speeches from prominent world leaders, including Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; Se-gyun Chung, former prime minister of the Republic of Korea; Mike Pence, former vice-president of the United States; Hussein A. Mwunyi, the president of Zanzibar; and Jim Rogers, a renowned investor. On that day, we held the official launch of Think Tank 2022, an international think tank made up of 1,011 Korean experts and 1,011 experts from other nations around the world in the fields of politics, economics, religion, diplomacy and security. These 2,022 leading experts from various fields will participate in regular webinars to develop concrete policies for the realization of a heavenly unified Korea. Their efforts will thus form the cornerstone of the Asia-Pacific Civilization, which will mark the beginning of a heavenly unified world. True Mother put her signature on the Think Tank 2022 Resolution and struck a peace gong to mark the official launch of this panel that will work together for eighteen months.



True Mother's speech the following day at the victory celebration


Beloved leaders and 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 the 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.

With the sincere desire 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 they [Christians] 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 be 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.

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Mobilizing Parliamentarians for the Sake of Peace

The Universal Peace Federation conducted an International Leadership Conference in Seoul February 12–16, 2016, that attracted 340 people, among whom 140 were active members of their national legislature from more than forty nations. Thirteen government ministers also attended. On February 15, in the Korean National Assembly Building, they adopted the following resolution that called for the creation of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP).

Resolution in Support of the Formation of International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace

As we know, our world faces a wide range of problems, including territorial disputes, religious and racial conflict, environmental degradation, climate change, violent extremism, poverty, hunger, nuclear proliferation and corruption. Each of these is a serious threat to human development and to the realization of peace in our world.

As we gather in Seoul, we are especially mindful that division remains on the Korean Peninsula. North Korea continues to develop its nuclear weapons program, raising serious concerns all over the world that military tensions are rising throughout Northeast Asia. Even now, sixty years after the Korean War, it remains impossible to communicate or freely travel between



The launch of IAPP in London, United Kingdom



The IAPP launch in Kiribati on December 8 to 9, 2017

the two nations. It is time for the international community to wholeheartedly contribute to the realization of peace on the Korean Peninsula.

The division on the Korean Peninsula cannot be seen as a domestic issue; it is an urgent issue that requires the interest and cooperation of Asia and the entire world. It is time for humanity to embrace universally shared values. Let us work together, going beyond differences of ideology, race, nationality and religion. Let us show the example and pursue the path of mutual cooperation and mutual prosperity, building a world of lasting and sustainable peace that can be bequeathed to future generations.

Therefore, we, the more than 150 parliamentarians, representing more than 40 nations, who are participating in the 2016 International Leadership Conference on "Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: The Role of Governments, Civil Society and Faith-Based Organizations," convened in Seoul, Korea, keenly feel the necessity to form a world-level parliamentarian association through which we can work together for peace and human development.

Gathered at the Korean National Assembly, we hereby propose and resolve to establish the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace.

IAPP, purpose and background

IAPP is an emerging force within UPF's network of ambassadors for peace, many of whom are activists involved with representative democracy in their nations and regions. Parliamentarians for Peace forums are emerging as crucial to action-oriented peace initiatives. Parliamentarians for Peace forums include:

- A trans-religious and trans-national framework for the exchange of ideas, experiences and insights into dealing with the challenges of our times, with particular attention to peacebuilding, reconciliation and development.
- An integrated and principled framework for developing effective plans of action and sound governance capacities.
- Access to a range of human development and peace-building programs necessary for durable solutions.
- Connections with a broad global network of religious and civil society leaders, government leaders, woman leaders, members of the media, peace-builders and more.



The IAPP launch in Kenya, East Africa, on January 10, 2018

Supporting the UN

Seeking to augment the efforts of the United Nations whose objectives it shares, UPF works in over 190 nations with other international, regional and national organizations, as well as with the UN, its agencies and related organizations.

Through the Parliamentarians for Peace forums, Ambassadors for Peace are also provided with significant opportunities to strengthen their capacity to achieve and sustain superior performance as leaders and therefore improve the quality of governance of their institutions, nations and organizations.

At the same time, by utilizing the UPF's strategic foci and integrated methodology for peacebuilding and development, Parliamentarians for Peace can leverage their strengths and resources for peace and development within their nations, their region and globally through UPF's Global Peace Council and growing network of regional and national Peace Councils.

Effecting Change

At the end of the day, parliamentarians are faced with the challenges of maintaining the highest standards of leadership while effecting change at the national and local levels on all global issues—of education, security, development, crime, health, corruption, infrastructure, elections, justice and so much more.

Recognizing the enormity of this complex work, Parliamentarians for Peace are provided significant knowledge, tools and support through the Ambassadors for Peace network; the Global Peace Council and regional Peace Councils; and the UPF's growing alliance of families, religious communities, educational institutions, media connections and affiliated NGOs and civil society organizations.

Key Action Areas

During the February 2017 World Summit in Seoul, Korea, a group of more than 500 parliamentarians convened to explore ways that parliamentarians and those responsible in government can better work together and optimize the strengths, uniqueness and resources of UPF. Those gathered recognize the following as key action areas:

- Peacebuilding, interreligious reconciliation and development
- Peace education and character education
- Curbing corruption
- Strengthening democracy and good governance

Working Strategy

At the 2017 World Summit, Parliamentarians for Peace have the opportunity to identify a number of next steps:

- Address the root causes of problems by engaging in and encouraging self-reflection and self-evaluation.
- Combat corruption through the exercise of their vote on various budgetary issues and by supporting not only traditional academic education but also values education.
- Work to establish bi-partisan peacebuilding committees or caucuses in their legislature.
- In nations/regions where conflict is endemic and people have lost hope for genuine peace, conduct Ambassadors for Peace programs and seminars to rebuild hope and confidence.
- Work across sectors and as groups to eradicate corruption that knows no boundaries.
- Find ways to network and work together with delegates from other nations, perhaps by creating friendship groups or similar clubs.
- Support the partnership between religion and politics as a substantive means to target daily behavior for real transparency.

Support character education programs in their nations as a practical way to support peace and development while also addressing the problems of HIV/AIDS, drug and alcohol abuse, and domestic violence and the curbing of corruption at the grassroots level.

True Mother's Founder's Message at a February 4, 2017 IAPP Conference

Distinguished guests, esteemed members of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace (IAPP) from 120 countries, it is wonderful to see you all.

We all wish for a free world, a united, peaceful world, however, if you look at the current state of the world, walls exist between religions and cultures, and borders exist between countries. Nations are moving further toward selfishly putting their own benefit first, hindering the pursuit of a united world.

What happened to the wish that you and Heaven held? Originally, the true owner of the world was God. From all created things to all human beings; all belongs to God, however, humankind does not know that. They do not understand the relationship between God and humanity.

That is why, throughout history, countless divisions and wars between nations have occurred. Nations' selfishness in pursuing only their own interests has pushed harmony and unity further away. This has been the history of civilization.

When we look at the reality of the world we live in, we worry that we will be unable to say that the future for our descendants is a hopeful one. If that is the case, for you to fulfill your responsibilities is important. Originally, God, the Creator, made every other living thing and then made humankind's ancestors, Adam and Eve. God gave them responsibilities. Consequently, all human beings today are the result of Adam and Eve's inability to fulfill their responsibilities.

However, because of the Principle of Creation, God could not just sit back and watch fallen humankind. Originally, God had a dream for humankind. God wanted to be the true parent to humankind. However, the ancestors of humankind, Adam and Eve hurt God. They thwarted God's dream. Nevertheless, God could not give up on the dream he had when creating human beings, the dream of embracing all humankind as His children.

Therefore, God developed messianism within the fallen world, so that a messiah, able to achieve God's dream and become the successful human ancestor, could come. In order to fulfill Heaven's dream, God chose a people from among those in the fallen world and prepared them for 4,000 years through indemnity, restoration and education. Ultimately, God was able to send His only son, the Messiah, who could fulfill His dream.

However, looking at history we all know what happened to the only son of God.

If 2,000 years ago the only son, Jesus, had met the only daughter, they would have become the True Parents of all humankind. They would have realized the dream of one family under God through the great Cain-type empire, the Roman Empire.



On November 30, 2016, in the Kennedy Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington DC, True Mother launched the US chapter of the International Association of Parliamentarians for Peace amidst numerous US politicians.

As events transpired, the central figures around Jesus, the Israelites; that is, central people within Judaism, could not fulfill their responsibility. Jesus had no choice but to go the way of the cross, saying he would return. Jesus said he would return and hold the marriage supper of the lamb.

Those words meant that after the 2,000 years of Christian history when the Messiah would finally come, he would find God's only daughter and they would become the True Parents of all humankind. When you look at the state of the world today, there is no center. Small nations and larger nations only think of their own interests. In our hearts, we all desire to have a united world—a peaceful happy united world—but so many walls block our way.


However, today, we have gathered here under one large dream, which means that you are dreaming the same dream as True Parents are and as God, our creator is. The only path to solving all the difficult problems of the world today is through the manifestation of the True Parents, who can heal all the problems of all nations, whether rich or poor.

I am saying that all nations, all of you, must attend God, our creator, our Heavenly Parent in your nations in order for world peace to come. God raised True Parents through the long period of 6,000 years through the course of restoration through indemnity. True Parents are the only ones who (as the Bible says) can engraft the wild olive tree to the true olive tree. It is only through that, through receiving the blessing from the True Parents, that you can stand as God's filial children.

Consider this: We who have gathered here today are in a parent-child relationship with God. You are able to be God's children because the mistakes of our first human ancestors, which prevented us from uniting in a parent-child relationship with God, have been rectified through indemnity.

Therefore, together with the True Parents, UPF and IAPP will become the Abel United Nations in name and substance. That means that all the problems of the world will heal in reality through the True Parents. The movement to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth through educating and healing with a parental heart is Cheon Il Guk.

I would like to say today to the members of IAPP from the many nations of the world, please become tribal messiahs of your respective nations. I pray that you will become proud national messiahs who will save the people of your nations by educating them through the teachings of the substantial True Parents.

Will you do that? Thank you. 

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Among other things, True Father asked his followers, who were heart-broken over how poorly their fellow Americans had treated Father, "What kind of great blessings do you think await us through my going to prison after this legal battle?"



FACING INJUSTICE

*An excerpt from True Father's last speech before
entering Danbury Prison*



Jesus was alone when he carried the cross. He bore the cross by himself. As a result of Jesus' crucifixion, God lost Judaism. Christianity, the new ideal religion that would have formed had it not been for the crucifixion, was lost, Rome was lost and the world was lost. Then on what position is rev. Moon standing today? What work is rev. Moon doing? Because I knew what work God desired... What is the Unification Church doing today? You need to clearly understand this. Your fathers and mothers are trying to separate you from rev. Moon; you face opposition in all corners. Judaism seeks to separate you; Christianity and the Communist party also. Nonetheless, you are saying that you will not be pulled away.

My philosophy is to choose and follow the path that leads to the realization of God's hope of bringing together the four billion people of the world.


After hearing the Supreme Court's verdict, you may be asking, "God, what next do you have in store for us?" After the Supreme Court's verdict, however, Christianity returned to the side of the Unification Church. What kind of great blessings do you think await us through my going to prison after this legal battle? Humanity will take our side. Henceforth, on the path that I take, united families not seen in the fallen world are following me, united tribes are following me, united countries are following me and a united world is following me. This is why when I overcome this hill, a united group of people from all over the world will be waiting for me. Therefore, I believe that the path I am taking is the path of hope. I am setting out on a path of hope and joy.

This is why all of you who are gathered here must gather and make unity with all the different people of the world, and then follow me. Blessed couples must make oneness with their families and follow me. Leaders of tribes and nations must be united with their tribes and nations and follow me. All the members of the Unification Church worldwide must unite and follow me. I know that because of this day, the Unification Church tradition, which is capable of bringing unity, is connecting the True Parents with their sons and daughters, with the existing churches, with the United States, and with the world.

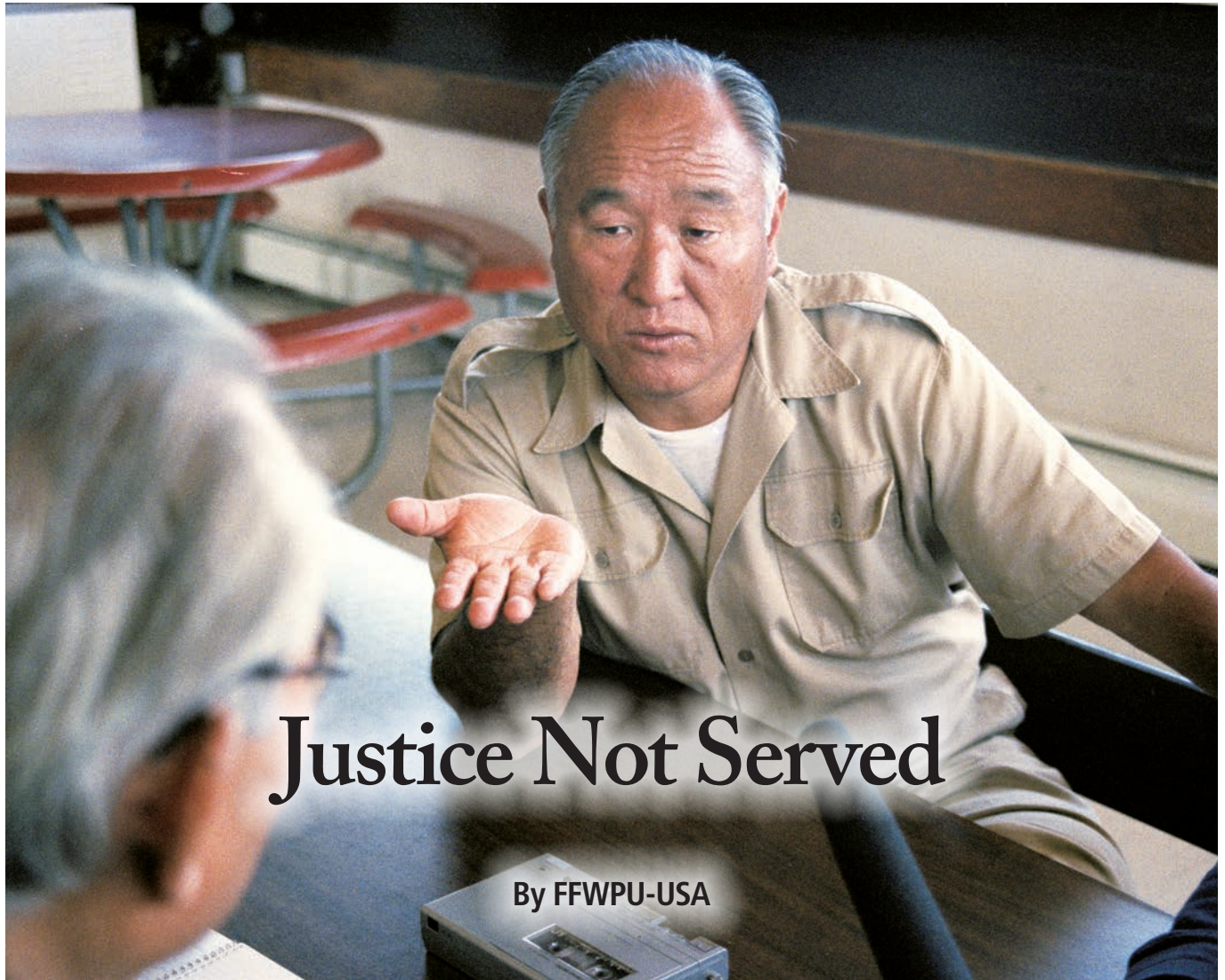
On this day, as I set out on my assigned path, I do not want you to send me away with tears. I welcome your tears if the tears you shed spring from the thought of fighting ten times, a hundred times more than I have for the sake of this nation and this world. If your hearts are sad and grieving, please become pillars of the Unification movement who, when I am released, will come to see me, having united thousands and tens of thousands of people. Please do not forget that God is staking this moment in the hope that you will accomplish this. With the belief that you, our Unification Church members whom I leave

behind, will make oneness with Christianity and the world, I am going to prison with the aim to bring the people there, who are not united, into one. Since that is also our territory, please know that I am going there to ignite a movement that will newly bring all those living there together. Therefore, all of you who are remaining outside must unite completely. If you do not unite, we will not be able to further the movement to open the gates of hell and liberate hell. This is why to open those gates, you who are remaining outside [of prison] need to first unite. That place is also our territory.

The number of people listening to me in East Garden today may be small but you must know that there are many outside people, people that believe in God, who have been shedding tears, without your knowledge, because of this day. Why am I trying to accomplish on a global scale what no-one else has been able to accomplish? I have fought until now waiting for the day when the world can welcome the blessing of becoming a new world. From now, when I cry out, all those with conscientious hearts will spring forth and engage in a unifying movement that will spread like wildfire. There can be no despair before the path that leads to greater unity. There can only be glory and prosperity. You must know this. Please have this resolve and reach out to everyone around you, investing with the heart, "Staying outside [of prison], I will build a bridge to reach across to the realm that possesses the good fortune of unity on a global level, and play the role of the concrete that cements things together."

Look at the world. We have our Unification Church, we have Christianity, we have so many friends and colleagues around the world. You must be more confident. Until yesterday, people laughed at you and called you Moonies. Do they do that even now? You know who the great Moonie leader is. Take pride in being a Moonie. Therefore, we must stand up anew. This is the right time. We have no time to grieve. We have no time to cry and no time to despair. We only have time to move forward for hope. We may be distressed tonight but we only know of advancement. Why? To liberate God. From that moment, the era when God can freely oversee the world will come. I sought out this path because I knew that from the moment God becomes free, the kingdom of heaven on earth will be realized from there. You and I share the homework of uniting the world and I entrust this task to you. As for me, I am going there to open the gates of hell. "We will bring about unity! We will realize unity!" This is our homework. We shall move forward for this purpose. All of you who desire this, please stand up. We shall move forward toward that purpose. Amen! 

The excerpt of True Father's speech first appeared in the September 2014 issue of True Peace magazine.



Justice Not Served

By FFWPU-USA

“**T**his was a case of justice not served. When Rev. Moon walked into the courtroom, the trial was already over,” said Prof. Joseph Dunne, an expert trial lawyer who oversaw jury selection in the wrongful tax evasion case against the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon in the 1980s.

Dunne, who teaches Criminal Justice and Human Security at the University of Bridgeport, was among the featured speakers during a virtual commemorative event Tuesday, “Justice Not Served: Reverend Sun Myung Moon and the Danbury Papers,” which observed the 37th anniversary of Rev. Moon’s entry into Danbury Prison on July 20, 1984. The online program hosted by Dr. Thomas Ward, president of the Unification Theological Seminary, brought together some 800 Unificationists, faith leaders, as well as legal experts who examined the high-profile case that took New York City and the nation by storm.

Dunne said Rev. Moon, who co-founded the Unification movement in Korea in 1954, was vilified by the U.S. media and —more troubling—by a political system sworn to uphold due process. “I got a hold of books, transcripts, briefs, and was reading and listening to the news,” said Dunne. “The prejudice that came out through all my research showed there was never any

good news about Rev. Moon or the Unification Church.... There was bloodlust of punishing this religious figure, and the media did whatever they could to make sure that punishment took place.”

A public poll taken around the time of the trial regarding Rev. Moon and the Unification movement revealed extreme bias and an unfavorable rating, said Dunne, calling it the worst poll in his career. With an unsequestered jury, Dunne said the trial was “poisoned” by the system and set an alarming precedent for unfair practices.

Dr. William Lay, another speaker and founding chair of the University of Bridgeport, said the origins of the case and tax evasion claim began years earlier and were rooted in religious persecution. “In 1976, Senator Robert Dole encouraged the IRS to investigate the Unification Church because he was critical of the fundraising and other activities,” said Dr. Lay. “This triggered off a relentless series of IRS audits for ten years—even six months after Rev. Moon was released from prison—and they found no wrongdoing.” “If this had been a bench trial, a trial by judge, it would have been a different outcome,” said Dr. Lay. “But Rev. Moon was denied a bench trial... and the U.S. Supreme Court did not want to review the case.”

Rev. Moon was ultimately sentenced to eighteen



- ① True Father saying good-bye to his family and faithful members as he leaves East Garden at 10 p.m. on July 20, 1984 to enter Danbury Prison. Mother accompanied him.
- ② True Father called Mother from Danbury on the day Kiyoshi Nasu, a journalist, (facing page) interviewed Father. He wrote a supportive book, "Savior in Prison"
- ③ True Father slept on the top bunk in his cell at Danbury Prison.



months at Danbury Prison. But even there, he maintained faith and reserved to "do good, find good, and bring hope," said Dr. Chung Sik Yong, North America regional president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, colloquially known as the Unification Church.

"Rev. Moon and Dr. Moon came to America to find and appreciate righteous men and women who allowed God to love this country," said Dr. Yong in his opening remarks. Even behind bars, Dr. Yong said Rev. Moon "served as an exemplary inmate doing prison tasks with the mind that he was cleaning up America.... Let us think with the mind that Rev. Moon had entering prison," said Dr. Yong. "What happened on that day he went to Danbury will never be forgotten... [but] Rev. Moon had filled the prison with God's love and it became a lonely place when he left it."

Rev. Moon, who called the trial a test from the outset, said what mattered most was his behavior during the process. He garnered sweeping support from a range of religious leaders and politicians who defended him, including former Utah Senator Orin Hatch.


"I have nothing to fear or feel ashamed about in the sight of God, America, or its forefathers," said Rev. Moon

on July 18, 1982. "I have never hated the prosecutors; I know that although they do not understand me, their children will come to appreciate me in the future."

In his remarks, Dr. Luonne Rouse, national co-chair of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, said even while in prison Rev. Moon had a kind and forgiving heart that won't be forgotten. "While we acknowledge the pain," he said, "Rev. Moon took it upon himself to turn the situation into good... He took it as an opportunity to represent who he really is."

"A remarkable man lived among us," continued Dr. Rouse. "Through all of this, Father Moon showed compassion... and when the unforgiven forgives, it sets a new direction for us to forgive."

Dr. Rouse and fellow speakers, including ACLC National Co-Chair Emeritus Dr. Michael Jenkins and FFWPU-USA National President Rev. Naokimi Ushiroda, called on America to pray for forgiveness as well as a presidential pardon to exonerate Rev. Moon.

"We are reminded of the difficult course Father Moon walked," said Rev. Naokimi, "but let's maintain that same heart of forgiveness until justice is served." 

Please watch "Justice Not Served." Search for it at [vimeoDOTcom](https://vimeo.com/123456789).

