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The Vision of Heavenly Unified Korea: A Cornerstone for a Peaceful World

Yun Young-ho, Director-General, FFWPU International Headquarters



Spring has once again arrived. As spring transitions to summer, farmers prepare to sow their seeds and diligently care for them to harvest the fruits of their labor in Autumn. And in Autumn the harvest season arrives, and the fruits of our labor and dedication come to fruition. However, the vision of a “Heavenly Unified Korea” for a peaceful unification of the Korean Peninsula, despite over 70 years of efforts, made through various approaches remains elusive.


Recently, approximately 360,000 pages of diplomatic documents from 1992 were made public, some of which include the secret visit of Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon to North Korea in 1991. One surprising fact that former US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo mentioned during the “THINK TANK 2022” special forum was that in 1991, Mr. and Mrs. Moon not only discussed the issue of denuclearization but also proposed the peaceful use of nuclear energy. From this perspective, the vision of peace and unification of the Korean Peninsula advocated by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon includes not only religious, political, and ethical solutions but also a very concrete and macroscopic perspective on international relations.

It is well known through surveys that today’s youth have little interest in unification. However, because we are a nation with a painful history and one of the only divided countries in the world, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon emphasizes that unification is of the utmost importance for a permanently peaceful world, and we are working to realize this vision.

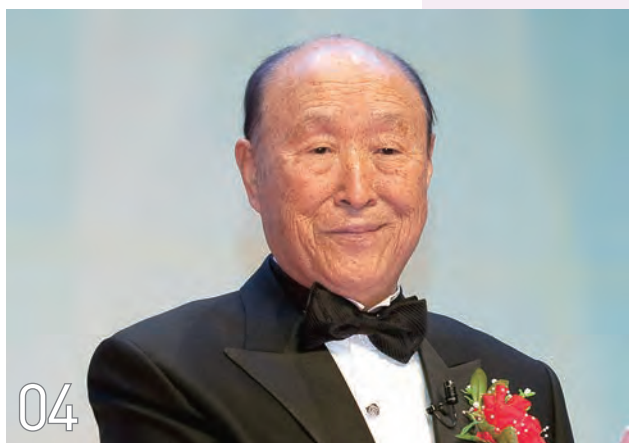
Today, the United States is engaged in a value-based rivalry with China under the theme of “value alliance,” using the term “Indo-Pacific.” However, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon reinterpreted this in the context of the “Asia-Pacific,” which includes the Pacific Rim envisioned by Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon. Centered on the six pillars of UPF, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has hosted the WORLD SUMMIT, where leaders from all walks of life worldwide gather beyond religious, racial, cultural, and national boundaries to pool wisdom for humanity’s future, including achieving global peace, overcoming environmental issues, restoring family values, and addressing inequality. In addition, last February, they connected 157 countries with diplomatic relations between North and South Korea through a new approach at the “Korean Peninsula Peace Summit.”

We are now at a time when we must view peace as “survival” rather than just an option, beyond our nation, our people, and our race. The vision of a Heavenly Unified Korea is not just a vision for Korea, nor is it limited to the Asia-Pacific region. It is a global vision. It cannot be achieved solely by the efforts of the Korean people, as the world is interconnected through international relations. That is why Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon has emphasized that the vision can only be realized with the support of macroscopic international solidarity and the unified power of the people.

The world is still a challenging place, and it may not be easy to accept our history or vision. However, I believe that if a dream is explained, shared, and together we plan and determine to achieve it, it becomes a vision. If we all advance with one heart toward that vision, I believe we can bear fruits.

As spring passes and summer returns, just as the fruit of autumn comes back, I hope that the seeds of Heavenly Unified Korea, well-sown in the spring, will come to fruition in the autumn season thanks to our collective devotion, sincerity, and determination. Thank you. 

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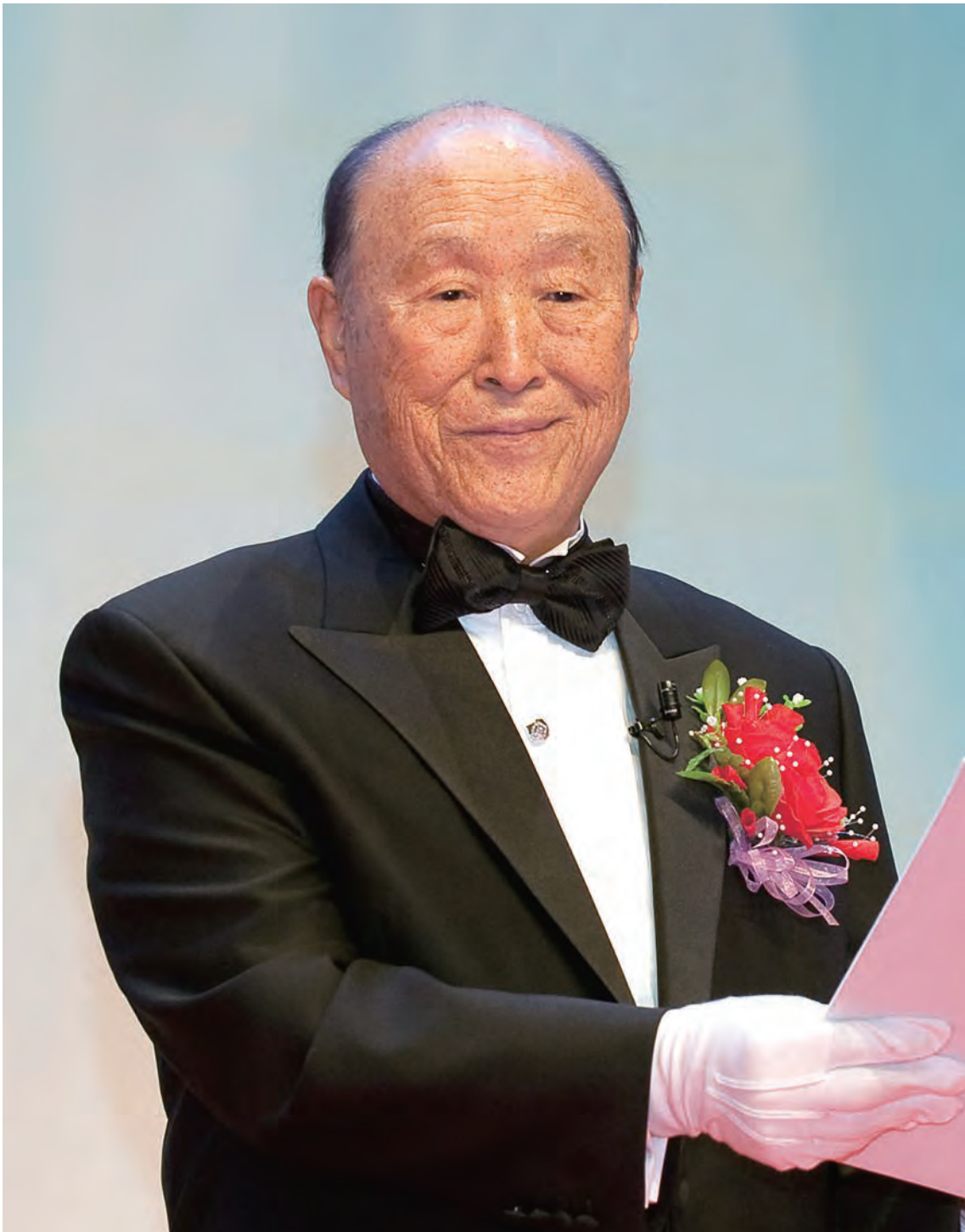
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Significance and value of the Blessing

Cheon Seong Gyeong, Book 11, Chapter 3





The Blessing Ceremony

The Blessing is not just for people. Nor is it just for heaven and earth. God bestowed the Blessing by investing everything from the foundation of His internal heart. If that Blessing had been realized exactly as He had planned, the glory of victory would have filled heaven and earth. Amid such a world, God would have rejoiced in the families of people who embodied Him and fully inherited His heart. Upon establishment of that family-level foundation, humanity would have accepted the holy enterprise of Heaven as its own holy enterprise, and people would have built the eternal and infinite blessed land of happiness. This was God's ideal and desire.

You need to know how amazing blessed families are. The Blessing is to perfect the individual, to perfect goodness, and to multiply children. It is to perfect people as individuals, perfect their relationships as husband and wife, and multiply goodness through their children. It is the core, fundamental requisite for all people.


If Adam and Eve had not fallen, they would have reached the focal point, the ideal intersection of vertical and horizontal love. Through their union, they would have attained total oneness and harmony. Besides instituting the love of the true ancestors of humanity, they would have been the starting point of true life and true lineage. Their wedding ceremony was to have been not just for themselves as human beings; it was also to have been the wedding ceremony for God. God would have entered their hearts, and the external God and internal God would have united as one. That was to have been the original wedding ceremony, having nothing to do with the Fall. What I am saying here is revolutionary in the world of religion.

What is the Blessing? If you consider man as the East and woman as the West, then the Blessing is the union of East and West at a central point on a horizontal plane. What is the power that unites them? It is love. Man and woman were created to unite as one through love. That is why, after they reach maturity, a man and a woman find their way to the place where they can attain union. That place is their central point. That central point is where God can vertically descend and dwell. When a man and a woman place God's love at their center, where His vertical line joins their horizontal line to form a 90-degree angle, they become one at the center of a 360-degree circle. If our first ancestors had become one

based on God's love, they would have become God's bodies. Who are Adam and Eve? They are the substantial bodies of God. That is why, in the biblical book of First Corinthians it is written, "Do you not know that you are God's temple...?" (1 Cor. 3:16) Our bodies are God's temples. If even fallen human beings can be His temples, then the original substantiation of God's duality, the unfallen Adam and Eve, would naturally have become the original temple, the dwelling place of God in the human world.

God has the dual characteristics of plus and minus. When God's dual characteristics are divided, the plus characteristic is manifested as a man, Adam, and the minus characteristic is manifested as a woman, Eve. When Adam and Eve unite together to embody God's oneness, their union is substantiated in their children. In this manner, the first, second and third generations are formed with God at their center. Within these three generations, problems arose in the second generation, that is, the generation of Adam and Eve. They failed to become one under God's love. If Adam and Eve had united in God's love, they would have established the bond by which God could have come to dwell with them. Then their children as well would have been connected to the standard of love, and formed their own relationship with God. This is called the Blessing.

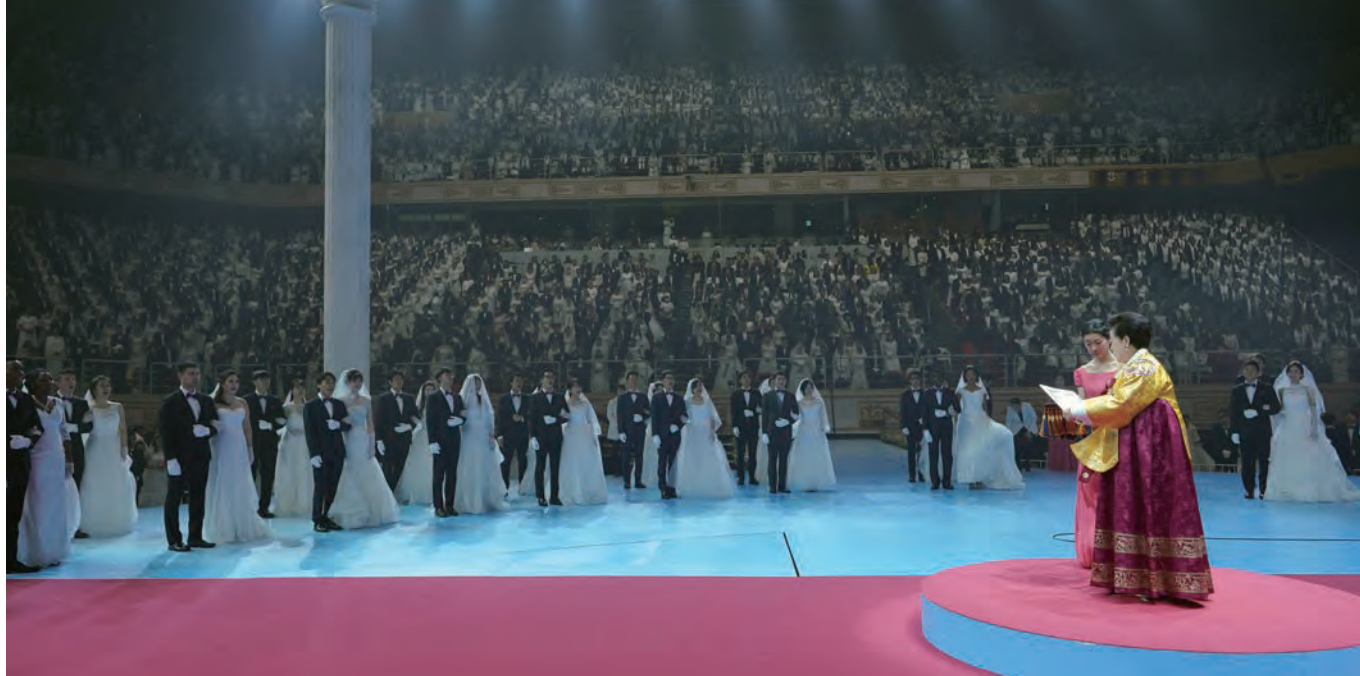
The marriage Blessing was instituted as God's Blessing for the liquidation of debts. Through the Blessing instituted in this age, all debts are liquidated for the first time in history. In other words, although formerly we were destined to die, all our debts are remitted through the Blessing as a condition. You should, therefore, feel that the Blessing of the Unification Church is more precious than all the good things that have been done since the beginning of history, piled up in one big heap. You should feel that the connection of love, life and lineage you have acquired through your bond with the True Parents is so precious that it cannot be exchanged for anything else.

The Blessing of the Unification Church is performed so that God's incorporeal life, love and ideal can be manifested in form. To put it another way, the Blessing is to connect us to God's life, love and ideal. That being the case, where does God rejoice? He rejoices at the place of the Blessing. When God rejoices, His life, love and ideal all have a livelier bounce. 

Mission for a Hopeful Future

*True Mother's message at the victory celebration
for True Parents 56th Holy Wedding Anniversary
April 23, 2016, Cheon Jeong Gung*





For the first time in six thousand years, it is also the place next to Heavenly Parent and the place from which a mother should substantially achieve Heavenly Parent's dream and hope.

We should feel how God felt when He created heaven and earth, when he created one plant, one flower and was happy; when he created animals beginning from the small ones to larger animals and felt joy and love; and finally how God felt when he created Adam and Eve, who would become the human ancestors. He saw them grow and was happy. A mother's responsibility is heavy. However, my determination to achieve Heavenly Parent's wish while I am still alive is growing. Every day I am constantly creating what I think into reality.

I feel sad that you are unable to bear the responsibility of creating that reality with me.

Now it's time to take responsibility

I feel sad that you are unable to bear the responsibility of creating that reality with me. What this means is that if you are blessed children, you should become filial sons, daughters and loyal subjects in front of God and True Parents. To do that you should fulfill your responsibilities. Your name will not be recorded in history just because you received the Blessing. You cannot become an ancestor. Therefore, you must fulfill your responsibilities. Through True Parents, the way for the 7.3 billion people that Heaven has searched for, for six thousand years, is open. During True Parents' lifetimes, during Mother's lifetime on earth, you need to complete this. To do that, each of you must fulfill your responsibilities.

The manifestation of the second coming of the Lord, the True Parents, should have been achieved on a national foundation. Yet nothing has been heard from Christianity, which had been prepared for two thousand years. Since they were completely unaware, there was no way for them to cooperate with us.


You should be grateful that True Parents have laid the foundation we have today from an environment where they had to start from the very bottom. Luckily, True Parents, True Mother, is on earth. You should be grateful

for this. You should begin each day saying, thank you, thank you.

By doing so, there will be progress. There is a song [그놈에 사랑 OR "That love of his" by Singer Cho Hang-Jo] that goes, "Flowers of joy blossomed after I threw away my greed." This is quite correct. Adam and Eve fell due to self-centered desire. It is the same for you and for blessed families who are aware of the will. Doing things centered on yourself is forbidden. You need to align yourself with Heavenly Parent and True Parents, moving one in mind and body with them. Your Parents' wish should be your wish. Fulfilling Heavenly Parent's dream is the substantial heaven on earth; the place you go after you live in heaven on earth is heaven in heaven. The life we live in our physical bodies will determine the mind and body attitude we have when entering the eternal world. Even if you improved because someone forcibly helped you, if you cannot fit into that environment, you will go through the process of natural selection.

Hence, there are no forked roads to heaven. You must fulfill your responsibilities on your own. No one can do it for you. For those in the second generation and third generation, it is the same. The purpose for which you were born: You need to fulfill those responsibilities. That is how you should live as citizens of Cheon Il Guk.

I am telling you this in earnest. As quickly as possible while I am on earth... I will let Heavenly Parent and humankind know that during the manifestation of True Parents, in True Parents' lives, they thought of the 7.3 billion people of the world and their descendants, and for the sake of those people's futures, they left behind, they substantiated and they fulfilled many achievements.

I will do this. Therefore, you shouldn't fall too far behind. There is a world of difference between a member saying (upon entering the spirit world) "I have fulfilled my responsibility," while True Mother is on earth and saying so when True Mother is already in the spirit world. There is a greater difference than the difference between heaven and earth. Please take this into the deepest part of your hearts and work hard. Please become those that I can remember. This is True Parents' love. From now on, there is only hope for everything we will do! 

The Meaning of True Parents' Holy Wedding Anniversary and the 2023 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival Hosted by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind



T rue Father, the only begotten Son, and True Mother, the only begotten Daughter, were born on earth to save the fallen human race. As the male and female beings that originated from the substance of the internal character and external form of Heavenly Parent, True Parents need to consummate the Holy Wedding under Heavenly Parent's blessing and manifest themselves as the True Parents of humanity. The Holy Wedding Ceremony, called the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, is the starting point of the history of salvation through the blessing.

Heavenly Parent, who has existed as the intangible Original Being since creation, has been looking forward to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. He has hoped for the emergence of the True Parents of humankind, who will be the tangible substantial being. Through their nine-hour conversation on February 26, 1960, True Father, God's only begotten Son, who has appeared as the male entity of Heavenly Parent, and True Mother, God's only begotten Daughter, who has appeared as the female entity of Heavenly Parent, understood that there was a foundation that Heaven had prepared and made the final preparations for the Holy Wedding Ceremony. On March 27, 1960 (or 3.1 by the lunar calendar) at 4 am, True Parents held their engagement ceremony at the Old Headquarters Church in Cheongpa-dong. This day was later designated True Parents' Day, which celebrates the advent of the True Parents who give rebirth to fallen people so they might return to Heavenly Parent.



Following that, on April 11, 1960 (or 3.16 by the lunar month) at 10 am, the historical Holy Wedding of True Father and True Mother, God's only begotten Son and Daughter, was held at the Old Headquarters Church in Cheongpa-dong. True Parents held the Holy Wedding Ceremony in attendance of Heavenly Parent. Their Holy Wedding Ceremony was a ceremonial day on which Heavenly Parent blessed the true ancestor couple of humankind and a great historical turning point in the history of the providence of restoration. Simultaneously, it was a new starting point in the history of creation where Heavenly Parent, the vertical true parent, dwells in True Parents, who came as the horizontal true parents.


True Parents conducted the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the mission of the only begotten Son and Daughter inherited from Adam and Eve. True Parents emerged as God's only begotten Son and Daughter of the origin of creation, who have nothing to do with the lineage of the fallen archangel. With Heavenly Parent's true love, true life and true lineage at the center, they have opened a new chapter of human history.

True Mother made a firm resolution before the members in attendance: "Nothing can describe the heart of God, who has been preparing for today's Holy Wedding Ceremony. I cannot express how deeply grateful to You I am in front of Your call to complete the 6,000-year providence and accomplish Your Will, for sending Your daughter here. I pledge to be united with You in heart and in all matters until the day Your Will is accomplished."

As the proud embodiment of the Heavenly Parent, True Parents came to personally take command of the providence of the building of the kingdom of God on earth and in heaven. Since their marriage, they have given birth to 14 children, and completed the family four-position foundation. In addition, they have transformed the lineage of fallen humankind and triumphed in saving them as blessed families, who are the children of Heavenly Parent, including the 3 couples; 33 couples; 72 couples; 124 couples; 430 couples; 777 couples; 1,800 couples; 6,000 couples; 6,500 couples; 30,000 couples; 360,000 couples; 40 million couples; 360 million couples; 400 million couples, with ceremonies still ongoing.



In celebration of the 63rd Holy Wedding Anniversary, the 56th Heavenly Parent's Day, and the 64th True Parents' Day, the grand '2023 Hyejeong Cosmic Blessing Festival Hosted by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind' will take place. These significant events will be held in conjunction with the dedication of the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum and the festivities commemorating the 80th anniversary of the sacred birth of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

The Marriage Blessing, the most significant gift bestowed upon humanity by the True Parents, empowers men and women to embody Heavenly Parent's creative vision, fostering love, unity, and forming eternal bonds. Through their rebirth and growth as true children, couples, and parents, they inherit the treasured tradition established by the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind and with unwavering devotion, attend to the Heavenly Parent, living lives filled with profound meaning and purpose. 



Special Feature on True Parents

"Moments to Cherish Forever: A Stunning Photo Collection of True Mother's Pilgrimage during the Spring Festival of Providence at Cheon Jeong Gung" – April 2





Worship in the Era of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community

T rue Parents have proclaimed the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Holy Wedding of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind. This declaration heralds the advent of a new era and introduces a new vision for the church. It presents the direction the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification should take in this age, and clarifies the role of the church within it.

The essence of the church changes with the course of history. This is because new circumstances in each era call for a new church model. Of course, there are essential aspects that must remain constant regardless of historical changes – the core principles that always uphold the church.

The emergence of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC) in 1952 [Current Name: Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU)] was due to Christianity's inability to establish a church model that reflected the changes in history. Over the past century, the Unification Church has endeavored to be a church that heals the wounds of the era and brings hope to humanity through sacrifice and service. The church has played its part in resolving ideological conflicts, racial tensions, and economic inequality, as well as in the restoration of human dignity.

As indicated by its name, the Unification Church has worked towards global unity, peace, and human reconciliation. The key to the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Era lies in recognizing Heavenly Parents as humanity's True Parents, and in fully disclosing the accomplishments of the Messiah, True Parents. The new church model emerging in response to these demands should be revealed through worship in the era of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community.

Heavenly Parent's Holy Community worship, as the name suggests, must go beyond obedience






and service to Heavenly Parent, and become an act of personally praising Heavenly Parent with spontaneity and joy.

In this context, Yun Young-ho, Director-General, FFWPU International Headquarters, identified worship innovation as one of the first core projects to put into practice the providential foundation for the victory of Vision 2027.

Dr. Yun said, "In accordance with True Parents' teachings, as we enter the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Era and a new age, the content and form of worship, the two pillars that support worship, must change in order to establish the worship culture of Cheon Il Guk." He added, "Worship should become a comprehensive art form like a musical, a festival-style event that everyone should enjoy," saying: that it is "not a mere ritual or ceremony, but an act of giving joy back to Heavenly Parent, it should be a place anyone from anywhere can visit anytime, and a symbol of a communal heartistic culture with festive characteristics that everyone can enjoy."

To achieve this, Dr. Yun has established a worship consulting committee, a worship academy, and worship support coordinator through the IHQ. They are working to realize church growth through a new worship culture in the era of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community by monitoring the first 10 churches and the second 20 churches among the 250 churches of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community in Korea, diagnosing the current system, analyzing issues, and providing support for improvement. In the future, the worship culture of Heavenly Korea will spread to churches worldwide. 

Peace Forum on the Heavenly Unified Korea

The 43rd Edition

The 43rd Peace Forum on the Heavenly Unified Korea, organized by THINK TANK 2022, took place on April 7th via an online interactive platform.

The forum invited Hong Yang-ho, former Vice Minister of Unification, to discuss “The Changing History of South and North Korea’s Unification Policies,” reflecting on the past and looking ahead to the future.

Yun Young-ho, Chair of the THINK TANK 2022 Forum Steering Committee, emphasized in his welcoming address, “As the possibility of North Korea relinquishing its nuclear weapons becomes increasingly slim, we must carefully examine the current security environment and adjust our unification policies accordingly. Understanding North Korea’s unification policies and developing creative policies that fit today’s era is not only the government’s responsibility but also that of civic groups.”

Yun Young-ho added, “UPF Co-founder and President Hak Ja-han Moon stressed that peace on the Korean Peninsula, the world’s only divided nation, cannot be achieved solely through the efforts of the Korean people, as it is intertwined with international relations. A macroscopic international solidarity and the united power of the people are necessary. In this context, the Peace Summit 2023, scheduled for May, aims to expand international cooperation for peace and unification on the Korean Peninsula in the Asia-Pacific era. I believe that if we all work together for this vision, it will surely be realized.”

Before the special lecture, Jin Sung-bae, the Director of the Hyojeong World Peace Foundation, held a session to examine the ideology of Godism, the guiding principle of Heavenly Unified Korea, through the ‘All the Lectures on a Heavenly Unified Korea.’

In his special lecture titled “The Changing History and Evaluation of South and North Korean Unification Policies,” former Vice Minister Hong Yang-ho identified three key determining factors of inter-Korean unification policies: 1) legitimacy issues on the Korean Peninsula, 2) the international political climate, and 3) North Korean nuclear issues. He explained that with North Korea enacting the ‘Nuclear Force Policy Law’ last year, the security environment on the Korean Peninsula has completely changed, necessitating a review of unification policies by both South and North Korea.

Hong Yang-ho also stated, “South Korea’s unification policy fundamentally proposes a peaceful, democratic approach and a gradual, phased approach based on the characteristics of the free democratic political system. However, 30 years after the proposal of the ‘National Community Unification Plan,’ considering changes in the international unification environment, it is necessary to revise the policy by evaluating the security reality more objectively. In this regard, summarized the core principles of unification policy into four points: 1) forming a firm understanding of the legitimacy and rationality of unification on the Korean Peninsula, 2) allowing national constituents to



choose a political and economic system that guarantees human dignity, peace, and prosperity, 3) searching for and persuading the other party to adopt a peaceful and rational approach 4) minimizing risks in the unification process while implementing policies that can bring about a soft-landing unification.

Following the lecture, a Q& A (discussion) session was held, moderated by Cho Hyung-guk, President of THINK TANK 2022 Policy Research Institute. Hong Yang-ho and Moon Byung-chul, Senior Research Fellow at THINK TANK 2022 Policy Research Institute, engaged in a Q&A session with online participants to help deepen their understanding of policy proposals for Heavenly Unified Korea.

The 44th Edition

The 44th Peace Forum on the Heavenly Unified Korea, organized by THINK TANK 2022, took place on April 14th at the iPeaceTV studios in Gapyeong, Gyeonggi Province.

The Policy Research Institute hosted the Heavenly Unified Korea Peace Forum, and former Ambassador to the UK and Former South Korean Ambassador to the Holy See, Mr. Choo Kyu Ho, was invited to speak on “Directions for Korea-Japan Diplomacy for Peace and Unification on the Korean Peninsula,” with a focus on the unification of the Korean Peninsula and Japan’s role.

During his welcoming address, Yun Young-ho, Chairman of the THINK TANK 2022 Forum Organizing Committee, emphasized the need for a solid “two-track” diplomacy that addresses both security and economic cooperation while also addressing historical issues. He explained the importance of establishing a new relationship with Japan and developing a strategy for eliciting Japan’s role in the unification process on the Korean Peninsula. Chairman Yoon Young-ho also



stressed the importance of elevating the 20th-century IVOC movement (International Victory Over Communism) to a 21st-century New Value Alliance and sharing a value-security vision and strategy with Japan.

During his speech, former Ambassador Choo Kyu Ho introduced the history of Korea-Japan relations, explained Japan's perspective on the Korean Peninsula, and analyzed the instability factors in Korean politics. He emphasized the need to develop a strategy for eliciting Japan's role in the unification process on the Korean Peninsula, citing the United States' role in German reunification. He also urged that Korea must seriously consider whether it is strategically approaching various issues related to Japan, including post-war compensation for North Korea.


Following the speech, a discussion session moderated by Cho Hyung-guk, Director of THINK TANK 2022 Policy Research Institute, featured Senior Research Fellow Moon Byung-chul of THINK TANK 2022 Policy Research Institute. The participants engaged in a wide-ranging discussion on the geopolitical fate of the Korean Peninsula, Japan's perspective on the Korean Peninsula, the conflict structure between Korea and Japan, proposed alternatives, and Japan's role in peace and unification on the Korean Peninsula. The participants also engaged in a Q&A session with the audience on the issue of the fading sense of debt among Japan's pre- and post-war generations regarding colonial rule and the strategic vision that Korea and Japan can share today. 

Cheon Il Guk 11th Year Hansik Paju Wonjon Ceremony

The “Cheon Il Guk 11th Year Hansik Paju Wonjon Ceremony” was held on April 6th in honor of the national holiday Hansik. The event was attended by Hwang Bo-guk, Co-Chair of Heavenly Korea, Great District Leader of Gyeonggi Northern Region Kim Jong-soo, blessed families, and staff from Sub-region2. The event was hosted by Jeong Dong-won, Heavenly Korea Sub-region 2 UPF Vice-Chair, and provided an opportunity to respects to True Family members who had passed away, including Moon Hyo-jin, Moon Heung-jin, Moon Hye-jin, and Moon Young-jin.

In his commemorative speech, Hwang Bo-guk, Chairman of Heavenly Korea Sub-region2, expressed gratitude to True Mother for allowing the Paju Wonjon Ceremony to take place during the Hansik of the 11th year of Cheon Il Guk. He emphasized the importance for blessed families to participate in the providence with devotion and unite to dedicate themselves to the victorious dedication of the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum, which will serve as the foundation for Heavenly Korea and a Heavenly unified world that Heavenly Parent and True Parents desire. He urged everyone to fulfill their responsibility so that the noble and lofty sacrificial lives of the True Family’s children and senior elders can shine in the era of Heavenly unified Korea.

Furthermore, Chairman Hwang Bo-guk implored, “In 2023, which marks the 70th anniversary of the participation of UN forces and the armistice agreement, please allow the spiritual world and True Father to accompany us in making great history, so that we can secure the foundation for the successful completion of the Cheon Won Gung Cheon Il Sanctum in 2023 and Vision 2027.”

Following his speech, a series of events took place, including paying homage and respect to Moon Yoon-guk (the first disciple), Cho Won-mo (grandmother), Hee-jin (older brother), great father and great mother (Dae Mo Nim), as well as the late Yu Hyo-won, former President of the Movement at the Wonjon. The day’s schedule included offerings, bowing, and incense burning, and ended with a closing ceremony. 

NB: Hansik is a traditional Korean holiday, which happens 105 days after Dongji (Winter Solstice) and is one of the four major festive holidays in Korea. It is named after an ancient custom of not lighting fire and eating cold food. The holiday has its origins in ancient China, where it was established to remember the death of a loyal subject named Gaechachu. On this day, people hold memorial services and visit ancestral graves, with various customs including laying fresh turf and planting trees.



The 3rd Cheon Bo Leadership School Education in 2023

The Cheon Bo Education Center organized the “2023 Global Cheon Bo Leadership School (CLS)” entrance ceremony and first round of education, which were conducted gracefully online in different language regions over a week.

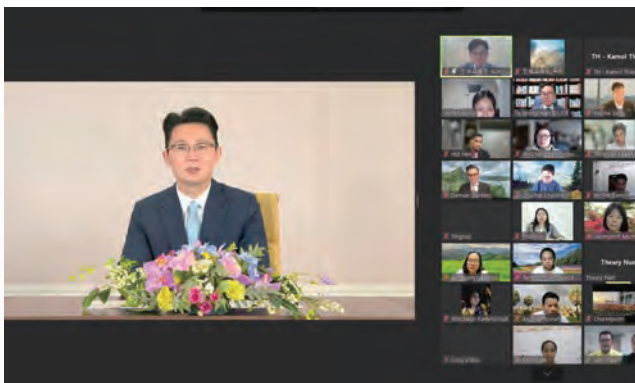
The event had the participation of around 1,430 members worldwide, including Yun Young-ho, Director-General of the FFWPU International Headquarters, Continental Directors, regional ministers, public officials, and blessed families from around the world.

After the successful completion of the 2nd Cheon Bo Leadership School last year, this year's 3rd Cheon Bo Leadership School will focus on “Strengthening Cheon Bo Leadership for the realization of the Blessing of 43 Couples.” The school will hold ten monthly sessions for each of the eight language regions until the end of the year. The education sessions will be conducted in a total of eight languages, including English (Russian, Persian), French, Spanish (Portuguese), and Cambodian (Thai).

Participants will receive educational materials from their regional leaders one week before each session, which they will review before attending. Education will be conducted by sharing practical examples based on the content learned during each session.

In his welcoming address, Dr. Yun expressed his gratitude to the ministers and family members who applied for the 3rd Cheon Bo Leadership School Education. He emphasized that the IHQ is focusing on four major innovations for substantial church growth with a sense of devotion and full effort to unite with True Mother for the victory of Vision 2027. He also highlighted that the entrance and registration as Cheon Bo through the victory of 430 couples both vertically and horizontally are the center of this mission, which will become a precious foundation and cornerstone for the path of becoming a Cheon Bo, the treasures of Heavenly Parent centered on Cheon Shim Won.

Meanwhile, the 3rd Cheon Bo Leadership School worldwide will run concurrently with the 16-week Hyojeong Witnessing and Training Camp from April to August as a program for substantial witnessing expansion. 



Cheonbo Training Centre Launches 16-Week Hyojeong Witnessing Camp

The first week of the '16-week Hyojeong Witnessing Training Camp was held with the attendance of 545 people, including the Continental Co-Chairs of Heavenly Korea, local ministers, and blessed families from South Korea, all participating in real-time online.

The '16-Week Hyojeong Witnessing and Training Camp' was specially prepared in response to True Mother's words emphasizing the importance of raising the people of Cheon Il Guk in preparation for the dedication of Cheon Won Gung, the substantial temple of Heavenly Parent. It is a program for the expansion and support of the realization of 43-family and the establishment of Cheon Bo Family Churches, as well as a 16-week course for witnessing.


In his words of encouragement, Chairman Joo Jin-tae encouraged participants to participate with a humble heart and a willingness to learn

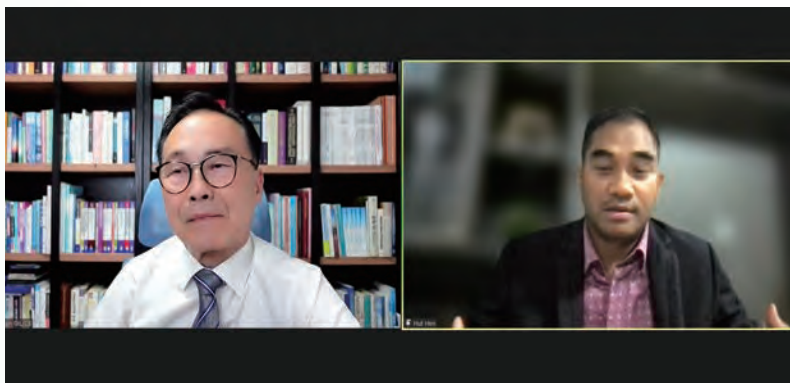
at every moment during the 16-week Hyojeong Witnessing Camp so as to bear the fruits of witnessing. He expressed his hope for the participants to become the perfect embodiment of the Three Great Blessings through the Cheon Bo course.

Following this, Gil Yeong-hwan, the director of Cheonbo Education Center, gave a lecture on the topic of 'A Day of Devotion.' In his lecture, he said: "The Cheonbo Education Center is working hard on the settlement and nurturing system for new believers who join, for church growth through the systematic evangelism system of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. The center

also aims to conduct practical education for easy implementation so we can live the witnessing lifestyle as taught by True Mother."

During the presentation of on-site cases, members who have grown through Cheonbo coaching despite real-life difficulties shared their testimonies of maintaining a positive mindset and making witnessing a part of their daily lives. Lee Su-cheol, the head of the Church Growth Department of the 1st District, expressed his gratitude to True Mother for providing a stepping stone to grow through such a program. He hopes that the Cheonbo Education Center's practice camp will be an opportunity for the Korean church to revive anew.

The Cheonbo Education Center is operating the 16-week Hyojeong Witnessing Practice Camp to establish a strong foundation for substantial church growth and expansion of witnessing in unity with the IHQ and Cheon Shim Won while maintaining continuous communication with local churches. 



HJ Hyojeong Marina Launches First Eco-Friendly Cruise on Bukhan River's Millennium Waterway

HJ Hyojeong Marina's HJ Cruise business, nurtured with True Parents' love and devotion, is set to launch and commence operations this year.


This initiative aims to restore the Bukhan River's millennium waterway, which was cut off by the Cheongpyeong Dam's construction, and promote waterfront ecotourism by securing eco-friendly waterways, so everyone can enjoy the natural beauty of the region by boarding the HJ Cruise. The HJ Cruise will be the first South Korean vessel to receive a "preliminary environmentally friendly ship certification" due to its pure electric battery operation.

The Bukhan River millennium waterway project is divided into public and private projects. Gapyeong County, Nami Island Inc., Cheongpyeong Ferry, and HJ Leisure Development have joined forces to build piers, construct eco-friendly vessels, and improve the facilities. Nami Island is converting one of its vessels into an eco-friendly cruise ship, building a multi-functional pier, and constructing electric charging facilities.

HJ Marina plans to connect the waterway with the domestically-built, 100% electric Hyojeong Cruise. Cheongpyeong Ferry is also constructing an eco-friendly cruise ship and improving its pier and amenities. Jara Island is building an Integrated Safety Management Center and developing 12 routes that connect major tourist hubs and underserved areas through waterway programs.

The HJ Hyojeong Marina HJ Cruise will officially operate as a sightseeing cruise ship, travelling between Nami Island and Cheongpyeong along the Bukhan River. It will create a circulation route on land and connect major tourist destinations along the Bukhan River through waterways, revitalizing the local economy, creating new jobs, and expanding tourism resources.

Seo Tae-won, the mayor of Gapyeong County, said, "The Bukhan River Millennium Waterway project is a future strategy that only Gapyeong County can accomplish. The county intends to make a leap forward by linking scattered waterfront tourist spots through a new route called the water transportation network, which establishes Gapyeong as the top destination for water tourism, revitalizes the local economy, and strengthens the tourism industry."

At present, HJ Cruise is undergoing safety checks for operation. 



2023 Korean Association of Peace & Religions Studies Spring Academic Conference

The 2023 Korean Association of Peace & Religion Studies (KAPRS) Spring Academic Conference was jointly organized by KAPRS and the Sunhak Institute of Peace Studies at Sun Moon University, with the support of the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA). The conference took place on April 7th both online and offline at Sun Moon University, under the theme "Peace and Religion in the Era of Great Transition."

The academic conference featured presentations, reviews, and comprehensive discussions by experts who study peace and religion in an integrative manner. The opening ceremony, moderated by Professor Gang Hwamyong (Sunhak Peace Studies Institute), began with a welcoming address by Hwang Sunjo, President of Sun Moon University, who encouraged and welcomed the research and exchanges among the attending scholars.

During the conference, Professor Shin Kwang-Cheol (Hanshin University) delivered the keynote speech on "The Direction of the Religious World Seen Through Two Keywords ('Endemic' and 'Chat GPT')." He examined the direction of the religious community during the transition from the pandemic to the endemic and discussed the present and future directions of the religious community.

In the first presentation, Dr. Yoon Seok-Jung (National Diplomatic Academy) discussed the topic of "Post-war Korea-Japan Relations Surrounding the Forced Mobilization Issue," explaining that our society needs to accurately assess the changes in Korea-Japan relations surrounding the issue of forced mobilization at


each major period to be able to take a stance through insights.

In the second presentation, Professor Kim Young-Joon (Gyeongsang National University) examined the historical context of US-China relations and pivotal events between the two countries under the topic of "US-China Relations and the Reverse Thucydides Trap," proposing realistic and rational solutions in the power game of great powers.

In the final presentation, Professor Kim Min-Ji (Sun Moon University) addressed the topic of "The Great Transition and the Paradigm Shift in Religion," conveying that as religions face the great transition brought about by the pandemic, their concerns about

maintaining their identity are replaced with concerns about what they must do for a society undergoing the great transition.

Following the presentations, a comprehensive discussion session took place, featuring free-flowing comments and Q&A sessions with Dr. Kim Il-Gi (National Security Strategy Research Institute), Professor Kim Sang-Gyu (Hanyang University), and President Do Hyun-Sub (Sunhak UP Graduate School).

Meanwhile, the academic conference saw various diverse discussions on religious studies unfold with the participation of 20 on-site attendees and over 100 online Zoom participants. 



Empowering the Future: 2023 Teachers' Conference Equips Educators to Shape the Next Generation

On April 1st, the '2023 Heavenly Nation of Gyeongin Future Generations Teachers' Conference' was held at Cheonwongung Cheonseung Church. The conference was attended by 120 participants, including future generation teachers and youth church leaders.

The opening ceremony began with preparatory praise, bowing, family pledge, report prayer, and words under the guidance of Oh Chung-wan, Youth Church Leader of Nowon in the Seoul Northern Great District.


Ju Jintae, President of Heavenly Korea Sub-region1, in his opening remarks, emphasized the need for changes and innovations in Heavenly Parent's Holy Community worship and the purpose of exploring changes in the worship environment. He urged that the worship format should accommodate various people and generations while upholding the word and essence, making it a worship where anyone can easily approach Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

Kim Dong-yeon, YSP Korea President, gave a special lecture on "True Mother's Mainstream Thought," sharing the life journey of True Parents and recent providential developments of True Mother. He then used the anonymous question platform "Slido" to provide an opportunity for free discussion on questions that future generation teachers found difficult to understand or were curious about.





Byeon Jung-ho, Sub-region1 YSP President, shared the direction of Hyojeong Children and Seonghwa Students in the Heavenly Nation of Gyeongin based on True Parents' educational philosophy. He also discussed the future schedule and proper attitudes of future generation teachers and their teachings.

At the conference, Hyojeong Children and Seonghwa Student Teachers pledged to acquire the qualities and capacities of a teacher who can grow the worship culture and format of Heavenly Parent's Holy Community beyond the Heavenly Nation of Gyeongin. They will do this based on a strategic management system, and the entire program came to a close. 



Some Reflections

• *Hyojeong Children's Teacher at Cheonwongung Cheonseung Church, Seoul Northern Great District*

Today, I was able to learn about the overall direction and policies, which helped me understand how to prepare for the future. Listening to the lectures, I was able to reflect on my basic faith and reexamine my faith. In particular, I was able to feel True Mother's heart and set my mindset when dealing with children. Hearing about the various preparations, I felt even more how much interest True Mother has in the education of future generations. I sincerely thank Heavenly Parent and True Parents for preparing this opportunity.

• *Seonghwa Student Teacher at Juan Church, Incheon Great District*


Today, I learned through the lectures that the mission of a teacher, is to help children have a self-directed faith life and teach them about Heavenly Parent's love.

2023 Hope TOP GUN Seonghwa Student Association

On April 1, the “Hope TOP GUN Seonghwa Student Association” was inaugurated at Hyojeong Youth Center with 70 student participants.

The objectives of the ceremony were to provide education focused on True Parents’ future vision, enhance the sense of mission for the association, and share the direction and activities for an active student association.

The event began with opening remarks by Lee Jin-woo, the church president, followed by a lecture on the life course of True Parents delivered by Kim Dong-yeon, the YSP Korea president. Byeon Jung-ho, the Sub-region1 YSP President, spoke about the role, education process, and direction of future generations in the Hope TOP GUN.

Representatives of each student association participated in ice-breaking and team-building programs led by youth church leaders. Activities included the Hyojeong Cafe [program course] and a pledge ceremony at Cheongpa-dong Wonbon Church. The participants committed to becoming exemplary Hope TOP GUNs for their fellow students and to encourage the return of dormant students to the church. 

A Reflection

One student from the Incheon District, Gyeyang Church, reflected on the event, stating that they had a chance to make resolutions as a representative. They committed to do their best to get along with their fellow student association members and to bring more students to the church. They acknowledged that they may not fully understand True Parents’ heart but vowed to strive to be a second-generation child who can come closer to Heavenly Parent through diligent church life and devotional practices.



The Inauguration of the HJ Eco Peace Volunteer Group

On April 2, the Ansan Youth Church of the Gyeonggi South Great District held an inauguration ceremony for the officially registered HJ Eco Peace Volunteer Group,' with 20 young people in attendance.



Following the ceremony, the HJ Eco Peace group participated in a “Plogging” activity, joined by eight additional young people, including two who were introduced to the group last summer. Plogging is a combination of the Korean words for “picking up” and “running,” referring to the act of picking up trash while walking or jogging.

The HJ Eco Peace group of Ansan Youth Church has been conducting volunteer activities on the first Sunday afternoon of each month. They plan to actively participate in environmental protection campaigns, youth education, and local community events in collaboration with various volunteer groups, environmental councils, and educational organizations in Ansan City. 




Gyeonggi South Great District Ansan Youth Church's Hyodeong Workshop

On April 8, a joint Hyodeong Workshop for the Ansan District, Yamok Hwaseong, Gunpo, and Gwacheon Churches took place at the Ansan Family Church, attended by 17 Hyodeong children and 10 Hyodeong teachers.

The workshop, themed “We, Hyodeong [Filial Comrades] Children, are Super Children!”, included an opening ceremony, Divine Principle teachings, indoor and outdoor recreational activities, group discussions, reflection writing, and a time for resolutions. The youth church leader who lectured that day explained the Principle, why it should be learned, and why practicing a life of faith is essential, tailored to the level of the Hyodeong children. Additionally, a lecture titled “Divine Principle in Daily Life” discussed how living according to the Divine Principle in everyday life is the way to practice it.

Afterward, the participating Hyojeong children reaffirmed their determination to become super Hyojeong children who love their parents, siblings, friends, and all things as true children of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. The event concluded with reflection writing and making resolutions.

In November 2022, True Mother called the 2nd and 3rd generation members of the Family Federation to Cheon Jeong Gung and gave them a new name, saying, “From now on, I will call you Hyodeong children. The Hyojeong Children should become Hyodeong comrades.” 




Inauguration Ceremony for the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea

Daejeon Region

The Inauguration Ceremony for the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea was held on March 31st in the Daejeon Great District. About 210 individuals, including notable figures such as Yun Jeong-ro, the Co-Chair of the Central Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea, Lee Byung-ju, a former professor of the Daejeon Health Institute of Technology, Lee Sang-gwi, a former president of the Daejeon Health Institute of Technology, Song Bong-sik, Chairman Yuseong-gu, and representatives from Daejeon's peace-loving organizations attended the event. A few VIPs, who couldn't attend the ceremony, sent congratulatory video messages, including National Assembly members, regional leaders, and a regional government officer.

The inauguration ceremony followed a specific sequence of events, starting with a pre-meal performance, followed by a welcoming speech from Lee Sang-gwi. The sequence continued with an address from Im Moo-sang, Chairman of the Daejeon Area Association of Elders, words of encouragement from Song Bong-sik, congratulatory performances, a report from former Health University Professor Lee Byung-joo, and a special lecture from Chairman Yun Jeong-ro.

In his welcoming speech, Lee Sang-gwi, the former president of Health University, emphasized the critical role of elders, especially during challenging times. He urged everyone to strive in various fields to create successful results through reorganization and adaptation to the current generation. In a special lecture, Chairman Yun Jeong-ro mentioned that the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea was founded by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon on January 8th last year, and it has educated more than 3,000 Korean leaders. He also revealed that the International Elders Roundtable would be established on May 3rd this year, with many top-level leaders in attendance. Yun Jeong-ro emphasized the importance of the Association convincingly presenting the vision of the Heavenly Unified Korea, centered on the principles of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universally Shared Values to create a consensus among the people.

In the future, the Daejeon Area Elder's Association aims to unite local elders and undertake activities to pass on a unified homeland to future generations of the Republic of Korea. 




Chungnam Region

The inauguration ceremony for the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea for the Chungnam area was held on April 4th at the Cheonan Unification Culture Center. The event was attended by around 300 people, including various notable figures such as Jo Man-woong, Co-chairman of the Central Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea, Kim Jae-bong, Chairman of the Chungnam Peace Ambassadors Association, Kim Beom-hye, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Unification Buddhist Association, Song Young-kyu, Chairman of the Korea-U.S. Alliance Forum for Freedom and Peace, and Jo Gyu-seon, former Mayor of Seosan City, along with other peace advocates.

The Chungnam Conference proceeded with introductions of distinguished guests, a welcome speech by Ok Yun-ho, President of the Family Federation Chungnam Region, a speech by Kim Chang-geun, President of the Chungnam Elders Association, and a special lecture by Co-chairman Jo Man-woong. In his speech, Kim Chang-geun emphasized the basic principles of the Association, which are focused on the thought of love for heaven, love for the country, and love for people, and the principles of Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universally Shared Values to prepare for North-South unification. He also mentioned the upcoming official launch of the International Elders Roundtable for a Heavenly Unified Korea and a Heavenly Unified World on May 3rd this year.

During his encouragement speech, Vice President Jo Seong-su stressed the importance of the wisdom of the 'elders' to overcome the current situation facing the Republic of Korea and establish a national 100-year plan. He expressed his hope that the Chungnam Elders Association will inherit the proud tradition of Chungnam, which has produced many patriotic martyrs, such as Admiral Yi Sun-shin, General Kim Si-min, Yu Gwan-sun, who led the March 1st Independence Movement, Dr. Yoon Bong-gil, General Kim Jwa-jin, and Teacher Han Yong-un.


In his special lecture, Co-chairman Jo Man-woong spoke about the vision of integration from the standpoint of the International Elders Roundtable and the importance of realizing a world community filled with inclusiveness and love. The attending members pledged to be the driving force for realizing the vision of a Heavenly Unified Korea, and the entire inauguration ceremony came to a successful end with three cheers of Eog Mansei. 



Chungbuk Region

The inauguration ceremony for the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea for the Chungbuk area was held on March 26 at the Cheongju Family Church in Chungbuk Greater District. Over 300 people attended the event, including notable figures such as Jo Man-woong, Central Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea, and Kim Byung-guk, Chairman of Cheongju City Council, along with various peace advocates from the region.

In his speech, Chairman Kim Jong-chul emphasized the importance of the seniors of Chungbuk uniting and using their accumulated experiences and wisdom to create a peaceful world. Chairman Yu Kyung-deuk also highlighted that the Elder's Association is not just a gathering of older people, but a gathering of experienced veterans. He expressed his hope that the inauguration assembly would become a torch of hope for future generations in realizing a Heavenly Unified Korea.

Local government heads expressed gratitude for the formation of the Chungbuk Elders Association by the Family Federation and urged participants to contribute to the peaceful world envisioned by Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. With the cheers of Oeg Mansei led by Shin Dae-sik, Chairman of the Elders' Association in Cheongju City, the inauguration ceremony for the Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea came to a successful conclusion. 



Korea Elders Association for a Heavenly Unified Korea Gwangju and Jeonnam Rally for Unity

The Korea Elders Association for a Heavenly Unified Korea “Gwangju and Jeonnam Rally for Unity” was held at the Gwangju Unification Hall Auditorium on March 28.

On this day, prominent community elders and leaders, attended the event, including Yun Jeong-ro, Co-Chair of the Central Elder Members Association of the Citizens Federation for a Heavenly Unified Korea, Ko Jae-yu, former Mayor of Gwangju, Oh Joo, President of the Gwangju Citizens’ Organizations United General Assembly, and Lee Jae-gwan, Chairman of the National Unification Organization Consultative Council.

The “Gwangju and Jeonnam Rally for Unity” began with a welcome address by Kim Jin-hwi, Chairman of the Honam District, hosted by Lee Hong-ju, Chairman of the Damyang County Elders’ Association. There was a keynote address by Yang Woo-seok, Gwangju-Jeonnam Chairman, an opening address by Jo Chang-eon, Gwangju-Jeonnam Great District Leader, congratulatory speeches by former Gwangju Metropolitan Mayor Ko Jae-yu and Gwangju Citizens’ Organizations United General Assembly President Oh Joo, an encouragement speech by Lee Sang-jae, UPF Korea Co-chairman, a congratulatory poem by poet Shin Hae-ja; some remarks by Lee Jae-gwan, Chairman of the National Unification Organization Consultative Council, a special lecture by Chairman Yoon Jung-ro.

In his encouragement speech, UPF Korea Co-chairman Lee Sang-jae expressed his hope that the Gwangju-Jeonnam Elders’ Association would become a beacon of peace beyond the conflicts of left and right ideologies. Chairman Yoon Jung-ro emphasized that the Gwangju-Jeonnam Elders’ Association and elders from all over the world should become one centered on universal human values and the International Elders Roundtable Initiative Rally to be held on May 3rd, where many prominent figures will take part.

The event ended with three cheers for victory led by Kim Hu-jeon, Vice Chairman of Gwangju-Jeonnam.

The Korea Elders Association for a Heavenly Unified Korea was launched to prepare for true freedom and everlasting peace through the unification of North and South Korea. 



Establishment of a Heavenly Unified Korea & Victory for VISION 2027: Heavenly Unified Korea Theory Education Development Task Force Workshop

The “Heavenly Unified Korea Theory Education Development Task Force Workshop” was held on March 29th and 30th at the Marine Jeju and Marine Yeosu Districts. The workshop was attended by Jo Yook-hyun, UPF Vice President, Lee Joon, FFWPU Vice President, Jung Guk-jin, YSP Vice President, Jung Woo-chul, Marine Jeju Great District Leader, Son Young-ho, Naju District Leader, Kim Hwi-deok, Suncheon Church Leader, Lee Bok-jin, YSP Marine Jeju Branch President, and Lee Dong-hyun, UPF Director General.

The workshop aimed to 1) establish a foundation for the institution’s mission to complete Heavenly Unified Korea and achieve victory for VISION 2027, 2) develop public lecture materials on the Theory of a Heavenly Unified Korea, 3) train lecturers for the dissemination of public lectures on the Theory of a Heavenly Unified Korea, and 4) promote changes in national consciousness through the Sub-region 4 Heavenly Unified Korea Peace Forum.

The workshop started with an opening ceremony hosted by UPF Secretary-General Lee Dong-hyun, followed by a lecture demonstration, content introduction, and drafting the initial lecture plan. Great District Leader Jung Woo-chul, in his prayer report, “As True Mother has given us the responsibility to restore one-third of humanity, we must remember the immense responsibility that Sub-region 4 also bears. Centering on the Theory of Heavenly Unified Korea by Dr. Jin Sung Bae, Hyojeong Academy President, please allow us to develop lecture plans suitable for Sub-region 4 so that we can establish and substantially establish a Heavenly Unified Korea.”

During the workshop, YSP Branch Chairman Lee Bok-jin conducted a lecture demonstration on the “Theory of Heavenly Unified Korea (Chapter 5: The Path to Peaceful Unification of North and South Korea).” The participants drafted initial lecture plans, each 40 minutes long, focusing on the topics of “unification” and “peace,” which are part of Dr. Jin Sung Bae’s Theory of Heavenly Unified Korea.

The workshop successfully concluded its first step towards laying a foundation for all citizens to participate in True Parents’ peace and unification movement by training lecturers who can propagate the Theory of Heavenly Unified Korea in a more accessible and powerful manner according to each local situation. 



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The 1st Busan-Ulsan Great District Hyojeong Nuri Event

The 1st Busan-Ulsan Great District Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Hyojeong Nuri Event was held on April 2nd at the Busan-Ulsan Great District Headquarters.


More than 500 people attended the "Hyojeong Nuri Festival: A Family Celebration for Three Generations," including Park Young-bae, Co-Chairman of Heavenly Korea Sub-region 5, Lee Ki-sik, Great District Leader, Kwon In-jin, Vice-Chairman, Lee Su-won, YSP Sub-region 5 Chairman, Busan-Ulsan Great District pastors, Blessed Families, Sunhak students, and Seonghwa children.

The event started with "Welcome" remarks from Park Young-bae and Morinaga Emiko, the Sub-region 5 Chair couple. The "HDH" session featured Lee Ki-sik and Hasegawa Kiyomi, the Great District Leader couple, teaching about the "True Parents' Holy Wedding" and "True Parents' Life and Works" at a level that younger participants could understand.

During the "Hyojeong Speech," Lee Sang-hyo from Ulsan Church presented on the topic "My Dream." Lee Sang-hyo shared his parents' testimony of faith and the meaning behind his name, pledging to become a filial child who fulfills his dream to help build the world that Heavenly Parent desires.

"Hyojeong Sharing" featured testimonies from Heo Il-gu and Park Geum-suk's family (777 Couples) and a faith-filled daughter-in-law's video testimony, providing a time for participants to reflect on how faith and tradition should be passed down to and inherited by the younger generation.

Next, the "Dreaming Tigers Theater Troupe" performed "Hyojeong Story Courtyard: Heavenly sim-bong-sa and Filial Daughter Shimcheong," conveying to the attendees and young participants that they should serve Heavenly Parent and True Parents with a heart of Hyojeong, like Shimcheong, who devoted herself to restoring her father's sight.

The Hyojeong Nuri event concluded with a quiz session, "Hyojeong Trivia: O, X Quiz," where three generations participated together, enhancing the sense of unity and family in the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community. 



Peace Activities

USA – NEW YORK THE 2ND FILIAL PIETY FESTIVAL AND AWARD CEREMONY FOR WRITING CONTEST

On April 1st, the CPFWP-USA hosted its 2nd Filial Piety Festival and Writing Contest Award Ceremony at the Clifton Family Church, both in-person and online. The aim of this event was to promote filial piety, especially among young people.

The festival began with a beautiful trumpet and piano performance by Andrew Miyamoto, followed by a welcoming remark from President Amy Yang. In her speech, Yang highlighted the importance of the 3 F's: faith, family, and filial piety. The event included speeches from several distinguished guests, including Prof. Thomas Hwang, Rev. Ker-Shung Lee, Mr. Lincoln LaGrotteria, Mrs. Jennifer Wang, and Mr. Justin Yu. Each speaker shared their thoughts on how to practice filial piety and its impact on the world.

During the festival, the New York Chinese School and CPFWP-USA announced a formal partnership through a Sisterhood Ceremony. President Yang and Principal Wang exchanged gifts and expressed their gratitude. The festival also featured an award ceremony for the writing contest, with this year's theme being "The Beautiful Time with My Parents". The essays were written by three groups: Children, Youth, and Adults, with one winner selected from each group. The winners received \$300 and a certificate, and were invited to read their essays on stage, sharing their beautiful moments with their parents and how it led to their filial hearts.

A performance by the Children's Choir from Elizabeth, New Jersey, singing "One Million



Dreams" and "We Are the World" was also featured during the event. The songs were well received by the audience and the children's pure hearts were evident in their singing. A family game was conducted, where parents and children were able to understand each other more by answering questions about each other. The event ended with a group photo of the audience, celebrating the success of the 4th Filial Piety Festival. President Yang emphasized that filial piety is an important part of traditional Chinese culture and that the writing contest allowed children to express their gratitude towards their parents. Overall, the 4th Filial Piety Festival was a huge success and moved many people's hearts.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM ON TOCOIST RADIO ON PEACE AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP

The Tocoist church, founded by African prophet Goncalves Simao Toko, has been working in cooperation with the FFWPU and UPF for 25 years. The current leader, Bishop Don Afonso Nunes, has been appointed as an ambassador for peace and continues to work with the FFWPU and UPF by attending several programs. Fortunately, members of the Tocoist church are working in cooperation with the FFWPU and UPF in several countries including Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe, Cape Verde, Angola, DR Congo, and South Africa.

In Angola, where the headquarters of the church is located, the Radio of Hope (RADIO DA ESPERANCA) has been established. The FFWPU and UPF made an agreement to establish the "Peace and Responsible Citizen" project, and during this program, the representatives of both providential organizations are educating people



through important teachings from True Parents, such as the Divine Principle and speeches by True Parents.

The program has been ongoing for one month and three weeks, and the number of listeners is growing. It is hoped that even more people will be tuning in to the radio channel after six months. This program is a good example of the fruitful cooperation between the FFWPU/UPF and the Tocoist church.

CONGO BRAZZAVILLE WOMEN'S FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE (WFWP): WORLD WOMEN'S DAY FORUM

The Women Federation for World Peace and the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace organized the second "Generation Responsibility" Forum on April 1st, 2023, in Brazzaville at the Sycomore Church conference hall. The event focused on the theme, "For an inclusive digital world: innovation and technology for gender equality," and was divided into two phases.

Mrs. Tania GOMBESSA, wife of the Sycomore Church pastor and Ambassador for Peace, opened the first phase with a prayer and welcoming remarks. Four panelists then shared their experiences and insights. The President of the Women's Federation in Congo Brazzaville, Mrs. Lydia Zodzi, emphasized that the fight for women's rights is a daily struggle and invited women to exhibit virtues such as gentleness, peace, and cohesion. She stated that equality should translate into the vision that women can

bring to society, and that education should be based on respect, love, mutual assistance, and generosity.

Mrs. Bayissa Pétronie, Vice-President of the Federation of Women and Coordinator of the Maternal Heart Network for Peace, shared the vision of the Founder of the Federation of Women and called for women to lead a life of chastity until marriage. The Secretary General of the Departmental Office of Students, Mrs. Emmanuelle Elion, focused on raising awareness among young people about education and encouraged young girls to focus on their studies.

The Secretary-General of the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace, Leader Yannick KASONGO, spoke about the theme "For an inclusive digital world: innovation and technology for gender equality." He urged mothers to embrace information and communication technologies and highlighted the positive and negative aspects of digital technology.

In the second phase, Mrs. Lydia Zodzi appointed Mrs. Yougi KIESSE as the President of the Women's Youth of the Federation of Women to prepare for the future.

Overall, the event was attended by eighty people. Mrs. Zodzi reiterated that the Federation of Women plays an educating role and is a member of the UN. She declared that digital technology has both benefits and drawbacks, and that applications such as WhatsApp, Facebook, Tik Tok, and YouTube should not be used for immorality. Leader Yannick KASONGO invited women to keep a youthful spirit regardless of their social status and stressed that equality aims to have the same rights and duties centered on love and the same values.



SOUTH AFRICA CAPE TOWN: BREAKING BREAD AND BUILDING BRIDGES: WFWP CAPE TOWN'S INAUGURAL EVENT

The Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) in Cape Town held its first activity on Saturday, April 8, 2023. The event involved distributing free soup and bread to the public while also collecting signatures for the 1 million signature campaign. The activity commenced in front of the Cape Town center and concluded in another location. WFWP Cape Town Members participated in the event, which was well-received by the people. The WFWP Cape Town looks forward to hosting many more successful events in the future.



BURKINA FASO WFWP 31st ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: CONFERENCE AND PEACE AMBASSADOR NOMINATION

The Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) celebrated its 31st anniversary with a conference and the nomination of new Ambassadors for Peace on April 10th, 2023, at the Jean Pierre Guingané Youth and Culture Hall in Ouagadougou. The event aimed to promote women's involvement in establishing peace and security in Burkina Faso and the world. The conference hosted 180 participants, including Ambassadors for Peace.

The WFWP Burkina National President, Mrs. KABORE Aimée, presented the WFWP's global activities and highlighted women's major role in peace and security. Mrs. SOU Jacqueline, a WFWP-BF member, emphasized that the

21st century is the century of women, and women should follow the model of True Mother, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, to establish peace and happiness in their families.

Ms. OUEDRAOGO Monique, an Ambassador for Peace, raised awareness about breast cancer in her presentation on women's health. Mr. DIARRA Thomas, SG of UPF Burkina, explained the 5 Universal Principles of Peace Ambassadors to the participants.

Before the recognition of new Ambassadors for Peace, Mr. ZONGO Boureima, President of the Center for the Care of Orphans and Vulnerable Persons, presented certificates of recognition to express his gratitude to the WFWP-BF and Mrs. Ouedraogo Monique for their donation activity in favor of internally displaced persons.

A total of 15 women received their certificate of distinction as women ambassadors for peace. Mrs. KIEMDE Djeneba, one of the Ambassadors for Peace, congratulated the other recipients with words of encouragement.

The event concluded with the cutting of a birthday cake and the song "Happy Birthday" sung by the musical group New Hope. The women Ambassadors for Peace were grateful for the beautiful and simple celebration, and one of the former ambassadors expressed gratitude to WFWP Burkina on behalf of all the ambassadors and wished long life to WFWP International.



WOMEN'S FEDERATION GHANA MARKS WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

The Women's Federation Ghana marked World Autism Awareness Day 2023 with a visit to the Autism Awareness Care and Training Centre in Haatso, Accra. The Centre currently has 30 students and 30 teachers who support the students in developing vocational skills, such as tailoring, hairdressing, bead making, weaving, and other skills. The visit was made by a seven-member team from the Women's Federation Ghana.

The team was welcomed by the autistic students and their teachers with a welcome choreography performance, and then joined in their morning routine exercises made up of singing, dancing, clapping, and jumping. The administrator of the Centre educated the team about the condition of Autist children and then showed them around the various classrooms. After the visit, the Women's Federation Ghana team donated toiletries, snacks, and drinks to the Headmistress of the Centre in the presence of the Centre's founder.

As mothers of Women's Federation Ghana, the team visited the Centre to share their "True Mother's heart" with the children born with challenges who must undergo special training to be able to succeed in life. The visit was appreciated by the entire staff of the Centre.



Youth Activities

CARP LA SPIRITUAL WORKSHOP AT CHEON SHIM WON, LAS VEGAS

On March 31 - April 2, CARP Los Angeles leaders participated in a spiritual workshop at the Cheon Shim Won in Las Vegas as a way to learn and connect to the internal, spiritual aspects of the providence and to open their spiritual senses towards Heavenly Parent and True Parents. 31 CARP leaders, 8 new first generation church members, and 7 KODAN members received guidance from Rev. Jin Hwa Chung, Vice President, CSW USA. Guests had breakthrough experiences with prayer and chanyang. One guest said they could feel the investment of True Parents in the Cheon Shim Won Prayer Hall. They experienced deep repentance for the first time in their life and could feel the reality of the connection between the physical and the spiritual worlds.



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EASTER 2023 SEMINAR HELD BY IAYSP

From Thursday April 6th to Sunday April 9th, 2023, the IAYSP Holy Week seminar was held at the Armonia y Paz farm with more than 122 young people and friends of the community in attendance. The seminar was divided into two groups: the first consisting of 25 young people of the second generation who learned about the life and traditions of True Parents, and the second group made up of guests and new members of the community.

The seminar commenced with welcoming remarks by Mr. Leonidas Belliard, regional director of the Caribbean, who encouraged the young people to pay close attention to the lectures that were going to be given in order to put into practice what they had learned. Mr. Cesar Regalado, Secretary of the UPF, gave three lectures on character education, while Mr. Bernardo Cruz, national leader, delivered the lectures on the divine principle in a dynamic and joyful atmosphere. Carlos Hernandez, President of IAYSP in Rd, gave a lecture on the principles of restoration followed by Mr. Tony Garcia, who presented on historical parallels, preparation for the second coming, and the second coming.

The seminar included games and challenges related to the conference content, and the young people climbed a mountain while singing sacred songs. At the top, they prayed together. Participants expressed gratitude for the experience and the learning acquired, and they hope to participate again in the future.



In other News

HEAVENLY USA: ALL AMERICA AMERICA CELEBRATES EASTER

Americans celebrated Easter across the states this past weekend. On April 9, Unificationists held Easter Sunday Service with joyful but meaningful, family-friendly celebrations. In Indiana, 67 members and guests had a fun Sunday Service and Easter Egg hunt for the youth hosted by the Indianapolis Family Church. It was a festive gathering with a lot of young people who haven't been attending church regularly. The Chicago Family Church celebrated Easter with a sermon about Jesus and festive activities of a fun Easter Egg Hunt. Lunch was also served and created an opportunity to fellowship. 222 members attended. In Mobile, 50 members celebrated with lively music, and Easter activities for the many very little children in their community. The Dallas Fort Worth Family Church celebrated Easter with a barbeque, games, and an Easter Egg hunt. The Arizona community had a picnic lunch at a nearby park. The Clifton community had a service and a fun Easter egg hunt for the kids. In Washington D.C. members observed a meaningful Sunday Service sermon on Jesus. And the Belvedere Family church had crafts and an Easter Egg hunt on the beautiful grounds of Belvedere for the kids.



MINNESOTA FAMILY RE-UNION WITH DR. YONG

Dr. Chung Sik Yong, Regional President of Heavenly USA, arrived at the Minnesota Family Church on April 7 for an Easter Re-Union Service and a series of events. On April 8, a special Q&A session with Dr. Yong was held with 50+ members. On April 9, 150+ members observed Easter Re-union Sunday Service. 33 members joined online from all across District 8. Everyone enjoyed the festive family-friendly celebration and many that haven't been attending regularly came to celebrate. The service was a beautiful special Easter program with a lot of music and a powerful message given by Dr. Yong. Everyone enjoyed a catered lunch followed by an Easter program for the kids. On April 9, Dr. Yong was joined by 15 Minnesota members for a day trip up north to the largest freshwater lake in North America, Lake Superior. Everyone enjoyed the beauty of nature and even stopped to pray at the Korean Veterans memorial.



CHEON SHIM WON PRAYER ROOM OPENING COMMEMORATIVE EVENT

On April 9th, the Cheon Shim Won Prayer Room opening commemorative service and event for 2nd Continent of Heavenly America, Canada took place on a national-level in the Headquarters of Toronto, Canada. North America Cheonshim Won President Kim Ki-hoon and North America Branch Training Center Director Jeong Jin-wha attended the event, while members from across Canada joined via Zoom.

During the service, Director Jeong Jin-wha introduced the meaning and grace-filled testimony of the Cheon Shim Won providence, and President Kim Ki-hoon spoke on the teachings of True Mother and the grace related to the Cheon Shim Won providence. He urged all members to experience a life of spiritual revival through Cheon Shim Won prayers and workshops, enabling them to walk the path of spirit and truth.

After the service, the Cheon Shim Won Prayer Room opening event continued with a Holy Candlelight Ceremony and following another message by President Kim Ki-hoon many members offered their Hyojeong Offering Paper to Heaven, and had the chance to experience the spiritual atmosphere of Cheon Shim Won great works during the event and especially through the power of unison prayer. The event also included a special lecture by Director Jeong Jin-wha targeting second-generation members. The special lecture focused on topics such as the purpose of life, awareness of the spirit world, UC traditions, a vision for the future, creating an opportunity for all to become closer to Cheon Shim Won through this education.



HEAVENLY SOUTH AMERICA: BOLIVIA SUB-REGION 3: SANTA CRUZ CHURCH – BLESSING PREPARATION WORKSHOP

The Santa Cruz Church of South America Sub-region 3, conducted a Blessing Preparation workshop from March 31st to April 2nd attended by 39 first and second-generation young candidates (15 men, 24 women).

This Blessing Preparation workshop was designed to help participants understand the meaning and value of the Blessing, the history of the Blessing, restoration through the Blessing, and the significance of one year of public service after receiving the Blessing, this was organized by, Hilda Claros, the Director of the Blessing and Family Department of Subregion 3, and Continental pastors under the guidance of Kim Dong-woo, the South American Regional President.

On the last day of the seminar, a Blessing matching was conducted for 30 first and second-generation young candidates ahead of the Blessing on May 7th. The seminar provided an opportunity for candidates to better understand the Will and love of Heavenly Parent and True Parents.



MALAYSIA, MIND-BODY-SOUL WELLNESS KOREA TRIP

From April 6 to 12, 2023, the Blessed Family Department (BFD) of Malaysia organized a Mind-Body-Soul Wellness Korea Trip to the HJ Heaven and Earth Training Center in Korea. The purpose of this trip was to promote the CheonBo Providence to non-member friends and relatives, and it was attended by 34 participants, including 10 members and 24 non-members.

To help guests understand the CheonBo Providence, introductory courses and special lectures were presented. Participants were then arranged in small group discussions after each lecture. Additionally, with the concept of spiritual work and healthy clapping, all guests were invited to join the Chanyang Yeoksa session.

Every day, participants gratefully received the water of life and climbed up to the Tree of Blessing to offer sincere prayers. To explore more about HJ Cheonwon, special visits to Cheon Jung Gung, Cheon Bo Won, and Cheonshim Lake were organized, and the guests got to know the achievements of True Parents in detail.

The Mind-Body-Soul Wellness Korea Trip concluded with a closing ceremony where certificates were awarded to attendees, and a special token of appreciation was given to the hardworking staff from HJ Heaven and Earth Training Center. During the closing ceremony, participants shared reflections and testimonies about the trip. BFD Malaysia plans to conduct this special trip annually as it is an effective way for membership growth. 