

NY District News

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Motto of the year:

Era of the Victory, Liberation, and Completion of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth, and Humankind

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Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings!

This past week I had the privilege to attend the 3-Day Pastor's conference at UTS – organized by our national HQ. It was an enriching and educational experience – and I hope to be able to share what I learned through this newsletter and upcoming sermons.

At this time I would like to share 2 things –

- 1) On the first day – we spent time looking at ourselves, reflecting on our strong and weak points. And, we examined our resentments. We were encouraged to look back at our lives – to find any lingering or hidden resentments that we may still possess within us. At first I figured, “I don't need this. I don't have any resentment.” But after taking some time to reflect, I realized how important this exercise is. If we want to move forward we need to forgive one another, we need to let go of the past, and we need to love one another just as God loves us.
- 2) During one of Dr Balcombs' presentations he shared three points that True Mother has been emphasizing.
 - a. Each of us needs to pick one aspect of True Father's legacy – and then invest our utmost effort to make that grow.
 - b. Church growth is everything (right? If we are growing all the problems will be solved – whatever we need to do can be done.)
 - c. This is the age of “Yin” – God's feminine side.

On Sunday I was able to visit our church community in Kingston. That was a wonderful experience. This is a church that was just recently planted. Abdou and Mara Gaye are the pastor couple. Dr Tyler Hendricks was the sermon giver this Sunday – he gave a beautiful sermon on love. They have a small but beautiful community of families in Kingston. I am excited to see how they will develop.

Let's all inspire our True Mother and one another – and grow!

God Bless You
Andrew Compton

Sermon

The sermon this past Sunday at Belvedere was given by Bishop Jesse Edwards.

If you would like to hear the audio, go to:

soundcloud.com/pastor-andrew/130421-sermon-edwards

(Sorry, you will need to turn the volume up to high – I am working on correcting this for future recordings)

For video, go to:

vimeo.com/64720923

Light Thought for the Day

Soccer Carpool

For the second time in a row, I was forced to impose on the woman with whom I carpoled to our children's soccer practices. I phoned and explained that my husband had the car again, so I wouldn't be able to take my turn. A few minutes before she was due to pick up my son, my husband showed up.

Since it was too late for me to call and say I could drive after all, I asked my husband to hide the car in the garage and to stay inside. I also explained to my son that he shouldn't mention anything about his father's whereabouts.

Unfortunately, my husband forgot and was in front of our house chatting with a friend when my carpool partner arrived. When my son returned from practice, I asked him if she had noticed.

"Yes," he replied, "she asked me which of the two men in front of the house was my father. But don't worry. I told her I didn't know."

Testimonies/reports

If you have a testimony or report to share please send it to me.

Providential News

- True Mother is in Las Vegas.
- Thursday, April 25 is True Parents' Holy Wedding Anniversary

Quote for the Week

"When you feel exhausted and discouraged, when you feel like withdrawing, remember my long struggle and tiring battle, and rise again. For I am not yet tired, nor am I discouraged."

Rev Sun Myung Moon, 1965

Announcements

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Community

- **Camp Sunrise Summer Camps Are Back!** That's right, Camp Sunrise will re-open this summer with a complete program of sleep-over summer camps for elementary, junior high, and high school age children as well as weekly Day Camps. To register and/or obtain more information about these camps, go to the BFA website found at www.blessedfamilies.org and click on "sponsored programs." Please try to register early! The Early Bird Rate expires on May 15th!
- **District Level Sunday Service:** We will have a district level Sunday Service at Camp Sunrise on True Day of All Things, June 9. Starting time – 10:30 am

Prayer

Prayer by Conference Call: All are welcome, Sunday 7:45 to 8:10 am Phone Number: 712-432-1699, Access Code: 736416#.

Other

Next Ahn Shi Il: Sunday, April 28, 2013

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!