

# WestRock Family 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

Thank you for helping to make our NY District Unified Sunday Service at Camp Sunrise an incredible experience. It made the celebration of the 51<sup>st</sup> Day of All True Things and the 60<sup>th</sup> celebration of our movement's founding extra special. To see families together, members sharing with old friends, and meeting guests who came for the first time – and everyone playing and enjoying God's creation, I felt that God was very happy.

Thank you to all the volunteers! I won't try to put everyone's name here, but you know who you are.

Dr Balcomb gave us a message that I believe we can all relate to (see link below under "Sermon". Heaven wants to work in amazing ways – but as we all know, and as our DP teaches – our Heavenly Parent can't work if we don't do our part.

True Mother asked us to give our very best in the 100 days leading up to the first anniversary of True Father's ascension (August 23). To help us get more focused, Dr Balcomb suggested that members make a more specific 40 day period of prayer and outreach.

I know the outreach word, "witnessing" has been challenging. But I am sure we can make it into a positive experience. In order to make it a bit easier, in WestRock we are developing a strategy that may, if successful, provide a model for others.

We are going to have a special event on Sunday June 30 (from 2 pm – 5 pm at Belvedere). It's going to be fun, It's going to be doing something (not just listening to a speech), and there will be music and taste snacks. And, it's something that everyone can do, young and old, even someone like me.

We are going to make bookmarks. Yes, simple – but beautiful, bookmarks, and a lot of them. The overall purpose is to help raise funds for an orphanage in Haiti. Haiti is one of the 20 poorest nations in the world and is still trying to recover from the devastating 2010 earthquake. The plan is to use these bookmarks to raise donations for the orphanage.

I believe, if we put our mind to it, we can bring a lot of people to this event, and even our youth can bring their friends. At the event I will give a very short introduction to our movement, the Divine Principle, and our vision for world peace.

Later, when we go out to the public and ask for donations for these bookmarks – we will have the opportunity to meet more people who we can invite to our programs.

One bit of good news – we held a 1-Day DP workshop at the camp on Saturday (June 8) and we had 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> gen guests and 2 – new guests. One guest was hearing it for the first time. He is very excited about the Principle and is planning to attend the membership class this coming Sunday afternoon.

Let's make it a great week!  
God Bless You!  
Andrew Compton

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Sermon

This past Sunday Dr. Balcomb gave the sermon at camp Sunrise: If you missed the sermon the video is available: (Also included is an original song honoring True Father by Marcus Knight) [vimeo.com/68279020](http://vimeo.com/68279020)

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Light Thought for the Day: (in honor of Andrew & Uyanga Love who just had their first baby – congratulations!)

### ***Preparation for Parenthood***

**MESS TEST:** Smear peanut butter on the sofa and curtains. Now rub your hands in the wet flower bed and rub on the walls. Cover the stains with crayons. Place a fish stick behind the couch and leave it there all summer.

**TOY TEST:** Obtain a 55-gallon box of Legos. (If Legos are not available, you may substitute roofing tacks or broken bottles.) Have a friend spread them all over the house. Put on a blindfold. Try to walk to the bathroom or kitchen. Do not scream (this could wake a child at night).

**GROCERY STORE TEST:** Borrow one or two small animals (goats are best) and take them with you as you shop at the grocery store. Always keep them in sight and pay for anything they eat or damage.

**DRESSING TEST:** Obtain one large, unhappy, live octopus. Stuff it into a small

**net bag making sure that all arms stay inside.**

**FEEDING TEST:** Obtain a large plastic milk jug. Fill it halfway with water. Suspend from the ceiling with a stout cord. Get the jug swinging. Try to insert spoonfuls of soggy cereal (such as Fruit Loops or Cheerios) into the mouth of the jug while pretending to be an airplane. Now dump the contents of the jug on the floor.

**NIGHT TEST:** Prepare by obtaining a small cloth bag and fill it with 8 to 12 pounds of sand. Soak it thoroughly in water. At 8 PM begin to waltz and hum with the bag until 9 PM. Lay down your bag and set your alarm for 10:00 PM. Get up, pick up your bag, and sing every song you have ever heard. Make up about a dozen more and sing them until 4:00 AM. Set alarm for 5:00 AM. Get up and make breakfast. Keep this up for 5 years. Look cheerful.

**PHYSICAL TEST (WOMEN):** Obtain a large bean-bag chair and attach it to the front of your clothes. Leave it there for 9 months. Now remove 10% of the beans.

**PHYSICAL TEST (MEN):** Go to the nearest drug store. Set your wallet on the counter. Ask the clerk to help himself. Now proceed to the nearest food store. Go to the head office and arrange for your paycheck to be directly deposited to the store. Purchase a newspaper. Go home and read it quietly for the last time.

**FINAL ASSIGNMENT:** Find a couple who already has a small child. Lecture them on how they can improve their child's discipline, patience, tolerance, toilet training, and table manners. Suggest many things they can improve as well. Emphasize to them that they should never allow their children to run riot. Enjoy this experience. It will be the last time you'll have all the answers.

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## **Testimonies/reports**

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

From Jim Stinard – Small Group Seminar held at Belvedere, June 1

Twenty seven participants were uplifted and inspired by new ideas and strategies for building successful small groups on June 1st, 2013 at the beautiful Belvedere sanctuary. The one day seminar entitled, "Small Groups and Spiritual and Outreach," featured Dr. Tyler Hendricks, speaking on the topic, "Why Groups?", Miao Biacco, with a lively presentation titled, "The Joy of Small Groups, Rev. Compton, speaking on, "Small Groups and Building Cheong IL Guk, and Mark Johnson giving a heartfelt testimony regarding his small group.

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Providential News

- True Mother is in Hawaii. There is a Divine Principle

Workshop taking place that includes members of the True Family

The 20-20 Providence has begun! We are now in a 100 day period of devotion leading up the anniversary of True Father's ascension, to share the DP with others – and to inspire them to work with us to build God's Kingdom!

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Quote for the Week

**Psalm 136:12**

*with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;*

God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever.

~ Vance Havner

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Announcements

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**Outreach**

There is a new Website being prepared by National HQ for guests that you can check out – it's: [www.dplife.info](http://www.dplife.info)

Bookmarks for Peace:

**Help create 1,000 bookmarks to raise funds for the children of Haiti**

Join in an afternoon of **CREATIVITY, MUSIC, SNACKS**, and....the **JOY** of building a better world by living for the sake of others!

**Sunday, June 30 from 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Location: the Belvedere Estate 723 S. Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591**

**Community**

**Special Lectures on True Father and True Mother's Course:** True Mother sent Rev Yong to visit America and present this content. Saturday June 22, at 43<sup>rd</sup> St, Manhattan from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

**Elections for the WestRock council will begin from this Monday.** Please watch your emails. You may vote by email or at Sunday service June 23.

**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](http://www.blessedfamilies.org) and click on “sponsored programs.” Please try to register early! The Early Bird Rate expires on May 15<sup>th</sup>!

**Other**

**We need an Apartment.** The Ferrantellos are looking for a Bright, 1 BR apt. LR, DR, and/or large LR, washer/dryer, parking and possibly H/HW included. Move-in for June/July (negotiable). Call Dr. Ferrantello

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**workshop July 26-28 exploring Intentional Community living.** Camp Shehaqua, located in the beautiful Poconos, will be offering a 2½ day workshop

**When: July 26, 27 & 28**

**Where: Camp Shehaqua (115 miles west of NYC) Cost: \$125. By 6/1**

**For more information and to register:**

**[www.live4joy.org](http://www.live4joy.org) or contact Gregg Noll**

**Prayer**

- Conference Call Prayer for Outreach: All are welcome, Sunday 7:45 to 8:10 am Phone

Conference Call to pray for the Sick: Please join us in prayer at 9:45pm on Wednesdays

**Next Ahn Shi II: Saturday, June 15, 2013**

**MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!**