

WestRock Family News

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Motto of the year:

Let us become true owners of Cheon il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!

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Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings!

This is more like a monthly greeting. Sorry I was not able to get the newsletter out these past few weeks.

Happy Spring! I hope you had a wonderful True Parents Day.

Special thanks to Noah Ross who gave such a beautiful sermon this past Sunday, to Dominic Barber our Sunday service committee chairperson, and Steve Honey who helped manage the event – and all who volunteered helping to make it such a great program! And congratulations to the winners of the “Guess Who Are the Children” contest.

This past week I had the great blessing to be invited to Hawaii by True Mother, along with the other District Leaders from around America. It was a very meaningful experience. It made me realize more clearly how precious each one of you is – to our Heavenly Parent, and for the success of the providence that True Parents have entrusted us with.

Below are my notes (they are a bit rough) from True Mother’s sharing on True Parents’ Day.

Later, she invited us for lunch – where we heard reports from several American leaders – Bishop Kim, Dr. Balcomb, and the District Leaders of Los Angeles and Chicago.

One point that touched me was when she served us pizza for lunch. Lunch was this really wonderfully prepared food, and very elegant table settings – but then as an addition, True Mother had them put delivery pizza on the tables. This took me back to 1972 when True Father first spoke in New York City at the Lincoln Center. When we, the members, had a celebration with True Father – he (after being told that Americans loved pizza & ice-cream) had the leaders order pizza and ice-cream – it was True Father’s way of saying he loved us. In the same way – I felt True Mother, who can be fairly stern and direct about what needs to be done, was telling us how much she loves us.

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

True Mother, 3/31/14 Hawaii Notes (not precise)

After Heavenly Parent (HP) created humankind – our original mind was broken. But HP could not abandon Adam and Eve. Even though it took a long time, through the 4 great religions, HP worked to prepare for the Messiah.

The Jewish people were prepared to receive the Messiah, but crucified Jesus. Since that time

they have had to go through the greatest indemnity.

HP cannot use those who failed in the central position of the providence.

Now, even though humanity believes in Jesus Christ, they cannot go to Heaven. They are waiting and hoping for Jesus to return on the clouds.

Pilgrims came to America for freedom of religion. They came with sincere hearts – building first the church, then school, and only then their own homes. Now after 200 years of American history what has happened?

True Parents (TP) blessed the USA. They gave a lot financially. They made it the Central Nation for God's providence. But people did not understand TP. They could not see the big picture. They stopped in the middle of the course.

1970's USA was the central nation, but there arose lots of problems – broken families, people became self-centered. America started as a country that was to prepare for the Messiah, but it could not fulfill its responsibility.

TP could not wait any longer – (for America to do its part). Therefore True Father came to the USA as a firefighter. He toured the 50 states. In the beginning he was well received. But look at what happened, look at what the USA did to Father (Danbury).

The USA has a great debt to TP. When will you pay that debt?

2020 - will be TP diamond wedding anniversary year. Will you offer them a diamond? Or how about - will you offer them the USA, or the World?

Because of TP we could become Blessed Central Families and citizens of CIG. There are 7 billion people in the world, but only we know this secret..

Think about the 12 disciples of Jesus and how we look back at them now. How about you, Blessed couples? What will you leave behind? We are to become the ancestors of the world family.

"I" stand here with TP. That is really important. Without TP you have no position to stand in.

Now you can see me and talk with me, but when you go to the spirit world – without fulfilling your responsibility, your conscience is going to tell you ...

The spirit world is eternal. If you are wise, what should you decide? TP blessed you. Now, after 30 or 40 years you should be proud of what you did.

HP raised us to be tribal messiahs. Every day you recite the Family Pledge, but are you really practicing it? We must produce the result. Only through that can we enter as children of the TP.

Like the candles on the offering table, the 50 states of the USA must find the flame of truth and light-up all the 50 states.

Are you grateful for True Mother? Am I your hope? I want to talk about you (give good reports) to our HP.

There are 300 million Americans. If they can come – then the whole world can come. Everything is connected to America.

You should always have TP in your heart.

(Sun Jin Nim led us in a toast – it was a toast of gratitude and love. Then she said toasts just need one word – Seongly, meaning victory)

Sermon

The sermon, given at East Garden for True Parents Day was given by Noah Ross. If you missed it, or would like to see it again, here is the link” vimeo.com/91022355

Light Thought for the Day:

Cosmetics

Joe's wife bought a new line of expensive cosmetics guaranteed to make her look years younger. After a lengthy sitting before the mirror applying the "miracle" products, she asked, "Darling, honestly, what age would you say I am?"

Looking over her carefully, Joe replied, "Judging from your skin, twenty; your hair, eighteen; and your figure, twenty five."

"Oh, you flatterer!" she gushed.

"Hey, wait a minute!" Joe interrupted. "I haven't added them up yet."

Testimonies/reports

Thank you to our Japanese Sisters – centered on Hiromi Kitchens – who did such a great job putting on the Japanese Cultural program last Saturday. We had about 60 people, more than 20 of whom were guests. Several of the guests signed up to attend the sushi making class (this Sunday at the White House), one signed up to help us plan the next cultural event, and one signed up to study the DP.

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

Providential News

True Mother is in Hawaii. I heard she will be going back to Korea soon.

The 20-20 Providence has begun! WestRock and Upstate have been paired with the Solomon Islands and Italy. Metro NY and Long Is have been paired with Nepal and Israel.

Quote for the Week:

Luke 15: 18-20

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

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Outreach

ACLIC Prayer Breakfast: Saturday April 12, Brooklyn. For more information contact Julia Okamoto or Rev Compton

1-Day DP Workshop. Saturday, April 26 at the White House. 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

DP Study & Discussion at the White House: Monday April 7, 7:00 PM.

Community

Community Meeting: Next Sunday, April 13, all members are invited to stay after service for a simple lunch and a community meeting – with a short report and opportunity for discussion and Q & A.. At this meeting Rev Compton will be sharing a short video and report concerning outreach success stories

The Energize Couples Retreat Energize: Get Away to Refresh, Recharge and Reconnect
Save the Date! Friday, May 2 - Sunday, May 4, 2014

Through the generosity of private Unificationist donors, **this three day, two night retreat is only \$249!** (The actual value is \$850.) But couples must register by March 25 for that Early Bird rate. See the flyer and **Blessed Marriage Project** on Facebook for more information, and get updates.

Other

Prayer

Laura Nabetani – she is out of the ICU, and now in a nursing home.

Jiau-Lan Weinstein – she continues her fight with lung cancer

Next Ahn Shi II: Monday, April 7, 2014

MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!