

# 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 month – I want to encourage us all to think about our True Parents and the door-way they opened for each of us to realize our substantial salvation. If we compare where we are now – to the disciples of Jesus after he left them – we have everything open to us, it is just a matter of our commitment and action – to stand together with True Mother as blessed families and to take responsibility to contribute to the great work of building true families and a heavenly community, and to sharing God’s love and truth with the world.

This past weekend the NY District Council had a ½ day meeting at the White House in Tarrytown. The Council is made up of the Pastor and local council representative from each local church (Albany, Barrytown (including Kingston), Orange County, WestRock, Bronx, Manhattan (including Harlem & Brooklyn), Manhattan Latino, Queens, and Long Island). Rev Tom Corely from Long Island was chosen to be the chairperson of the council. The council then chose Noah Ross to be the NY District Rep to the National Council.

Much of our discussion focused on how we would celebrate and honor True Father’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Seong Wha anniversary and also plans for DP workshops and a District wide Sunday service at Camp Sunrise in June. (If you have ideas on these points – please bring them to your local pastor or council)

Locally – here in WestRock, I am very happy to announce that our council has decided to bring Debby Gullery onto our staff. She will be responsible for the Family/Care Ministry. With her experience and with your support and participation – I now that we can accomplish a lot this year in becoming a community of healthy families. And more than that, I know she can help us develop a ministry to care for our guests in a better, more productive way.

Please take note in the announcements that we will have an Easter Egg hunt/BBQ at the White House on April 19, we will have a 1-Day DP seminar on April 26, and registration is open for the Hudson River Fishing Contest.

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

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## Sermon

**The sermon, given at Belvedere was given by Andrew Compton. If you missed it, or would like to hear it again, here is the link”**  
**[soundcloud.com/pastor-andrew/sermon-2014-04-06-rev-compton](https://soundcloud.com/pastor-andrew/sermon-2014-04-06-rev-compton)**

Light Thought for the Day:

## ***Strengths and Weaknesses***

A job applicant was asked, "What would you consider to be your main strengths and weaknesses?"

"Well," he began, "my main weakness would definitely be my issues with reality--sometimes I have a little trouble telling what's real from what's not."

"Okay," said the interviewer. "And what are your strengths?"

"I'm Batman."

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## **Testimonies/reports**

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

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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.

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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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Announcements

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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:** Mondays @ 7:30 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 2014 Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament is Here!

We are happy to announce the 2014 **Fishing Tournament** held in honor of True Parents' 54th Holy Wedding Anniversary, May 3 ~ May 16, 2014. Fishing will take place on the Hudson River and adjacent bays in NY and NJ area. We welcome individuals and groups from churches, clubs and businesses; bring your family and friends! **Register** for the tournament and fish on your own, or join us on an Ocean Church vessel. We can accommodate 14 anglers each weekday, and more on the weekends.

**Tournament Dates:** May 3 Morning ~ May 16 Midnight

**Designated Fishing Area:** From Half Moon Bay on the Hudson near Croton, NY to the New York lower bay including Raritan Bay

**Entry Fee:** \$40 per participant, including children. Participants can fish as often as they want

**Other**

**The father of Tadahisa and Mishiko Kumagai** (1800 couple, daughter Mia) passed away on March 18th, 2014 (9pm Japan Time). He was 67 years old. Please pray for his smooth transition to the spiritual world. His Seonghwa ceremony was held in Japan on March 22nd

**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: Tuesday, April 15, 2014**

**MAKE IT A GREAT WEEK!**