

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!

Important Happenings Around the World

TRUE MOTHER: As far as I know she is in Korea, but she will be in Hawaii at some point – for the DP workshop that will be taking place for our 2nd and 3rd gen

SPECIAL DAYS FOR THE FAMILY FEDERATION WORLDWIDE:

July 1 – 2075 couples 32nd anniversary
Next Ahn Shi Il is on Friday July 4

HERE IN AMERICA:

USA Holy Ground, God's Hope for America Pilgrimage Tour, is up and running! They have been on the road for 9 days. You can still register to be on the tour (for a day or a few days) Go to www.familyfed.org/members to learn more and to register and participate!

The tour is coming to New York on Thursday July 17

IN NY DISTRICT:

God's Hope for America - Holy Ground Tour: will be in NY City on Thursday, July 17

AND IN WESTROCK:

One Day Divine Principle (and its Application) Workshop: Saturday July 19, taught by Andrew Compton

Divine Principle Study & Discussion: held Mondays, 7:30-9pm at the White House.

The Sermon this Week (and last week)

The video of the sermon from last week, given at Belvedere by Justin Okamoto, can be viewed at this link:

Part 1: <http://vimeo.com/99570848>

Part 2 <http://vimeo.com/99575744>

This week at Belvedere members gave testimonies – how they met God through the creation. I have not posted it on Vimeo – not sure if everyone who gave testimony is okay with that.

Pastor's Weekly Greeting

Greetings!

This last Sunday we had a wonderful time listening to the testimonies of our brothers and sisters, how God's creation impacted their lives. Thank you to everyone who shared.

Also this Sunday we finished our WR Council election for 2014.

First, to those who were not chosen this time – I want to extend to you my deepest gratitude. The fact that you were willing and ready to serve is a great offering. You are what makes our community a great community! Those who were selected are **Elisa Hack, Steve Honey, Reiko Kessler, Justin Okamoto** Congratulations! It's a great mix, 2nd and 1st gen, men and women. Thank you WestRock!

I want to encourage everyone to keep in touch with the God's Hope for America Tour as it travels across

America.

<http://www.godshopeforamerica.org/>

This is a great opportunity for our American movement to unite centered on our True Parents and the vision God gave them when they first came to America.

Here are some important key points concerning the Tour

- 1) Everyone Participate! – if possible register to go on the bus for a few days, or if not, be sure to join the tour when it comes to NY on July 17
- 2) Join the Bridgeport visit on Friday (they will have an evening celebration) or - Take a day trip, and drive up to Boston for the Tour visit there on Sunday, July 20
- 3) Consider taking the day off from work and volunteering on July 17. We need all the help we can get.
- 4) If you have a clergy contact – invite them to nominate one couple from their church to receive the “Excellence in Parenting” Award (will be presented at Belvedere on July 17)
- 4) Here is a draft schedule (some details could change)

God’s Hope for America Tour, NY Schedule, Thursday, July 17

6:00 am Central Park Holy Ground: Prayer, songs, reading, inspirational words, etc.

6:40 Breakfast near the Holy Ground (bagels & cream cheese, juice, Yogurt, & fruit)

Arrive at 9-11 Memorial – spend time at the Memorial (Memorial is open from 7:30 am)

Gather at Barclay Street (one block from 9-11 Memorial)

Welcome from Amb for Peace and Clergy. *Chance to hand out literature*

Arrive at Bicycle Rental location (Southwest Corner of Central Park – across from Columbus Circle)

Members either ride bikes or walk around central park, or visit Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall where True Father spoke. *Chance to hand out literature.*

Photo at Columbus Circle

NY & NJ members begin to arrive at Belvedere (parking is \$10)

Stage is behind the Main House, in front of Holy Rock

Music (live band or background music)

Pot Luck Dinner is served (behind the Holy Rock)

6:30 Program begins

Invocation and Welcome Remarks

6:40 Congregational Songs

7:00 Speaker #1 (Amb for Peace) Congratulations & Welcome

7:05 Speaker #2 (Dr Balcomb)

7:20 NJ Children’s Choir

7:30 Special Recognition Teddy Verheyen

Love Offering (**if we can raise enough through our raffle fundraiser, this won’t be necessary**)

7:45 Song, (? Raul Joseph)

7:55 Speaker #3 (on parenting, and congratulations to the awardees)

8:05 Parenting Awards Presented

8:20 Raffle

8:30 Closing Congregational Song and prayer around the Holy Rock

Let’s Remember, Revive, and Re-imagine our future!

– and make it a great week!

God Bless You and your Family!
Andrew Compton

Prayer Requests

Laura Nabetani is now at home – and doing better. Thank you all for your prayers!

Jiau-Lan Weinstein

Moses Kiely – 3 years old, grandson of Michael and Maria Kiely, diagnosed with leukemia

Testimonies/Reports

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

Teenagers and Cats

For all of you with teenagers or who had teenagers, you may want to know why they really have a lot in common with cats:

- 1. Neither teenagers nor cats turn their heads when you call them by name.**
- 2. No matter what you do for them, it is not enough. Indeed, all humane efforts are barely adequate to compensate for the privilege of waiting on them hand and foot.**
- 3. You rarely see a cat walking outside of the house with an adult human being, and it can be safely said that no teenager in his or her right mind wants to be seen in public with his or her parents.**
- 4. Even if you tell jokes as well as Jay Leno, neither your cat nor your teen will ever crack a smile.**
- 5. No cat or teenager shares your taste in music.**
- 6. Cats and teenagers can lie on the living-room sofa for hours on end without moving, barely breathing.**
- 7. Cats have nine lives. Teenagers carry on as if they did.**
- 8. Cats and teenagers yawn in exactly the same manner, communicating that ultimate human ecstasy -- a sense of complete and utter boredom.**
- 9. Cats and teenagers do not improve anyone's furniture.**
- 10. Cats that are free to roam outside sometimes have been known to return in the middle of the night to deposit a dead animal in your bedroom. Teenagers are not above that sort of behavior.**

Thus, if you must raise teenagers, the best source of advice is not other parents, but veterinarians. It is also a good idea to keep a guidebook on cats on hand at all times.

And remember, above all else, put out the food and do not make any sudden moves in their direction. When they make up their minds, they will finally come to you for some affection and comfort, and it will be a triumphant moment for all concerned.

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Outreach

Divine Principle 1-Day Seminar: July 19, White House, Andrew Compton teaching, begins at 9:30 am, Fee is \$20

DP Study & Discussion at the White House: Monday evenings 7:30 PM.

Community

Holy Ground Pilgrimage: Become a part of this historic tour and re-connect with the spirit that True Parents invested in this nation. Check it out on line at familyfed.org.

Prayer at the Holy Rock: 6:00 am at the **Central Park Holy Ground** this coming Thursday, July 3, Don't worry if you don't know the location, we will meet at 6 am in front of the Central Park Boat House (across from the 72nd St park entrance).

NY District is looking for members to be trained as **Matching Advisors**. Possible scholarship is available. Contact Debby Gullery

Other

Make it a Great Week!