

True Father's Third Seonghwa Anniversary Memorial in Las Vegas at IPEC

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After much planning, construction and anticipation, the International Peace Education Center (IPEC) in Las Vegas finally opened its doors this year. Though True Father ascended to the spirit world before its completion, the building is a living testimony to his vision and legacy.



This year, local Unificationists were able to commemorate the third anniversary of True Father's Seonghwa (ascension) within the halls of IPEC. It was a significant and moving experience that included prayers by Rev. Do Hee Park and performances by local Japanese Unificationists and college students from the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) Las Vegas. They watched the live broadcast of the memorial event in Korea which included words from True Mother and Sun Jin Moon.





Here's what some of the participants had to say about the day:

It was wonderful to see True Mother and Sun Jin Moon so spirited, determined and happy. I feel I am understanding True Father's heart more and more—how he loved the world and loved me. I am grateful to be a part of God's liberation and bringing in a world of heart, of peace and of love.

J. Fleischman

The Seonghwa ceremony made me feel grateful to be a part of the movement at this time. Although my knowledge of True Parents is not much, just knowing the name True Parents has elevated my life. The Seonghwa made me realize that wherever I am with my relationship with our Heavenly Parent and True Parents, as long as I have a connection with them I will eventually reach where God wants me to be—my portion of responsibility included.

K. Boakye

True Parents, thank you so much for your love! We will always think and be together with God and True Parents. Thank you True Mother for continuing to lead us with your great heart

S. and P. Sugimori

Dear True Parents,

I'll accomplish Heavenly Parents' and True Parents' will. I'll work so hard that I can relieve your heart. I love you.

Keita

Our precious True Parents, despite all that goes on around you, True Mother, you continue with unwavering conviction and love and encouragement for God's will to be fulfilled. We love you and will unite with your will!

Participant

True Mother is my inspiration. Thank you, precious True Parents for my life. I am eternally grateful!

Rev. Craig Williams

Thank you True Mother on this anniversary day. Your beautiful spirit of love fills my heart. I truly pledge to offer my utmost to bring victory for Heaven here in Las Vegas. With deepest gratitude.

J. Oberg

Thank you so much True Mother for such a wonderful third anniversary celebration for True Father's Seonghwa. I especially was moved by the speakers who spoke so reverently of True Father, of his life, his work and his words. But most of all, True Mother, thank you for the strength you showed to all of us to encourage us along the way to 2020. And thank you to Sun Jin Moon for your deep love and respect for True Parents.

L. Rigny

When I was in Korea at the time when True Father passed, for weeks I couldn't shed a tear. I felt in complete and total shock. But, I also felt a void, like there was so much I haven't achieved and I had only emptiness to offer. It was terrible. However, as I attended True Father at his passing ceremony one last time, I said, "True Father spent so much energy and love in America, so I have to give something back to him, I have to complete my portion of responsibility and offer it to Heavenly Parents and True Parents. It's my turn to say, "I have completed everything."

K. McDaniel