## Las Vegas Family Church 7.1 Jeol and 7.8 Jeol Celebration

Hyang-Ah Doo August 9, 2016



On Aug. 9, 2016, 40 Las Vegas Family Church members gathered together to celebrate the 7.1 and 7.8 Jeol holiday. Mrs. Compton gave the opening prayer and Mr. and Mrs. Jares offered flowers to True Parents. Then Mr. Oberg did 3 cheerful cheers of Ok-Mansei.

Today's speech was given by pastor, Rev. Ken Doo. He spoke to members of the history and origin of 7.1 Jeol and 7.8 Jeol. Our Pastor explained 7.1 Jeol as the Liberation of God and 7.8 Jeol, as the 77th birth anniversary of True Father, on July 7th, 1997 of the lunar calendar.



Pastor also gave a relating to his personal experiences with the Buddhist religion. He, being a first generation, has told that he grew up in an environment where the Confucianism culture was engraved into the society. Without being personally taught the Confucius teachings, our pastor has already learned the customs and morals through his daily life. After telling us his story, Rev. Doo told our church members that that's how we should carry out our religion: creating a tradition and custom that tie into our daily lives. The reasoning for his statement was because throughout history, some religions were lost; however, the religions with strong traditions were kept. Thus, proposing to create a large society that can influence our culture to willing people for the future generations.

Celebrating 7.1 and 7.8 Jeol, we, as a church family, have learned the history and the deeper meaning of this event. As he has stated, this purpose of celebrating this day is to not only be remembered of how 7.1 and 7.8 Jeol was originated but how we should cultivate our religion to our culture in order to expand and to prosper our religion. Reverend Ken Doo has reminded us to strive to work hard so our True Parents can

be remembered in future generations and to achieve immortality for True Parents equivalently to Jesus, Buddha.

## Report by Hyang-Ah Doo



Las Vegas Council chair Mr. Dennis and July birthday members were invited to cut the cake





Mr. and Mrs. Jares offered flowers



Mr. Oberg did 3 cheers of Ok-Mansei



Thank you for your time to shopping and set the beautiful offering table and cake; J-missionaries, KumAe Jares, Song Doo, Jocelyn Alcantara, Mary Hida and Doo family girls. and thanks to David Hirano to take photos