

57th True Children Day & 29th Foundation Day Celebration

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It's so special to have had the Holy Pledge Service in True Parent's home today. After the flowers were presented, I truly felt True Parents' presence with us; they were sitting in their chairs enjoying the service and embracing us as Rev Doo spoke.

Then later, Justin Okamoto's sermon brought tears to my eyes and a deep sense of the preciousness of the parent - child relationship. As I reflected on Justin's sermon, I realized how difficult it is to be a true filial child to True Parents & Heavenly Parents, how precious it is when we can see an example of that kind of love, especially in one of our Second Generation and how far short of that standard myself am. I am deeply repentantful and grateful for his guidance on this special day. Also It seemed like the Praise team sang and played better than ever !



And finally, it was really nice to watch the children enjoying the bouncy house and the pinata after lunch. I really enjoyed my conversations over lunch and I ate too much of the delicious food lovingly prepared by my brothers & sisters. Thank you Heavenly. Parent & True Parents for this lovely day.

-Lydia Compton-

Today the Las Vegas Family church members all participated in the historic celebration of the 57 th True Children's Day and the 29 th Anniversary of Foundation Day for the Unified Nation of Heaven and Earth at the Chung Hwa Gung. After Rev. and Mrs. Doo led the singing our National Anthem of CIG we all recited the Family Pledge.



The offering table was beautifully prepared and the flowers for True Parents and the celebration Cake and precious words of explanation all helped us feel True Parents actual presence and heart of true love. Thank you, our True Parents for this wonderful day. I still remember being in Korea with True Father when he established Foundation Day. I will always remember those precious moments with True Parents.

Our Sunday Service followed in our Sanctuary. It was a deeply moving sermon by a second-generation brother Justin Okamoto who spoke about parental love and Heavenly Parents' love. Everyone's heart was deeply touched.



After the service we enjoyed loving fellowship and a barbeque. There was a great feeling of love and care for everyone there where we all witnessed the older second gen engaging the younger children in expressive games. Thank you so much, Rev. Doo for a memorable historic day.

-Leslie and Jim Rigney-

This morning's pledge service for the 57th True Children's Day held in True Parents' residence was very wonderful. The inspirational guidance provided by Rev. Doo and through Rev. Compton's prayer, were most helpful in creating a warm environment for all brothers and sisters. Then we had a moving experience from the sermon in our sanctuary which was given by Mr. Justin Okamoto. His passionate sharing of heart brought many to tears. Tremendous blessing came to our church service today.



Following the service we took a group photo filled with smiling faces. Afterwards, our pot luck luncheon prepared by all families, was a smorgasbord of love. The foods were great but greater still was the sharing of hearts as we dined together. The weather cooperated and I am so grateful to have been a part of this year's True Children's Day. Words "thank you" are powerless to express my gratitude to our True Parents.

-James Oberg-

Ligia and I want to thank you for a wonderful Children's Day. It was AWESOME!

The food, drinks, the games, to see our children enjoy that Heavenly atmosphere in the house of our Beloved Sacred True Parents.



First things first: The sermon by that wonderful Second Gen Justin Okamoto. young man was HEAVENLY! I shared it with Olivia, she was outside with the Hirano Girls, so Olivia loved it and inspired her. His testimony and his spiritual energy truly reflects the power of True Father's teachings and the power of His Word. Ligia and I were very inspired by his testimony, and we shed tears when he started crying during his prayer. That was very deep, it touched all of our souls.



He is truly an example of a well educated Second Generation, that carries True Parents love in his heart, something all First Generation parents hope and aspire to see in our children and in our case, we hope to see that also in our daughter Olivia.



My wife Ligia said "for me was excellent, I have a 14 years old teen, and I know in this age is difficult age and also difficult for the Parents, So that's the reason I love the sermon today from a young second gen, about his experience, how he could find God, very good."



Ligia and I love our Pastor and Mrs. Doo what they do for True Parents.

Special on this occasion, I really thank you our True Parents who never letting me down.

-Walter and Ligia and Olivia-

I was really happy to attend the Holy Day ceremony today.

For one thing, it was special to have it at True Parents House here in Las Vegas, which is beautiful physically and spiritually

Secondly, it is so convenient to be 100 steps from our church hall; we can do everything from 8:30 to 9:00 and be right on time. Even the BBQ after-party is held right there on the lawns, it's the perfect heavenly village.



The story about the 1988 Seoul Olympics was mostly new for me, and created a nice sense of connection to our world.

After our ceremony which included all the facets of a Holy Day, the sermon by Justin Okamoto was fantastically pertinent to today as well as for our recent times.

I wish for many to hear his story, and most of all, his heart.



His experiences are the real stuff that all families go through, and what goes on in the family determines everything else in our world.

We are lucky that there are successes like his that we can hear about.

It bolsters everyone up to meet our own challenges, which is probably the best groundwork for succeeding in 2020.

The 57th True Childrens' Day was a 10

Thank you, True Parents, you made such a wonderful tradition for us. How can I ever thank you enough?

-Steve Pierce-



Our family had really good time yesterday.

The pledge service at CHG HDH room was really good experience for us. Especially Rev. Doo's explanation helped us to understand about providential history.

Justin Okamoto's sermon was so deep. He shared God's heart and it was very inspirable.

Our family really enjoyed yesterday's event.

- Akira Ota -

