

Los Angeles Welcomes Gil Ja Sa Eu - One of True Parents' Earliest Disciples

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After a few days of unusually cold, rainy days in Southern California, the sun came out on Sunday, March 4, 2018, when the Los Angeles Family Church welcomed Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu, author of *A Testimony to God's Word, In Regard to Divine Principle*, and one of the earliest living disciples of True Parents. Mrs. Eu and her late husband Rev. Hyo Won Eu were among the first three couples to receive the Holy Marriage Blessing by True Father in 1960.

Band members began the Sunday service with uplifting Holy Songs to prepare the atmosphere. The Korean Evangelical Association of Los Angeles joined with their pastor, Rev. Chang Woon Jeong.



Mrs. Eu was greeted by all the congregation and was presented with a bouquet by Jedidiah Harasaki, a high school student. Adam Gottlieb, as the master of ceremonies, introduced Mrs. Eu respectfully. Mr. Jinseung Eu, the son of Mrs. Eu, came up to the stage with her and translated her talk from Korean into English.

Mrs. Eu then spoke about the purpose of her visit, emphasizing the need to bring joy to True Parents. Here is an excerpt from her talk:

First, the purpose of this visit is to help resolve True Parents' grief.

Second, as True Parents told us, I want to encourage all [Unificationists] to become Divine Principle lecturers. By your doing so, God's sorrow will be released. Please make up your mind.

According to True Parents, in the spirit world there is no need to worry about food, clothing and lodging. But if you cannot speak True Parents' language, it is a problem. Even when someone goes to the spirit world, you should send the person with the Divine Principle.

Third, I want to activate 100-time Hoon Dok Hae of Divine Principle. Read Divine Principle out loud 100 times. True Father discovered this method when he was studying in Japan. Even if he could not understand the contents in the beginning, he started reading a Japanese book. After reading the book 100 times, he could understand all the contents completely. If you do not understand Divine Principle fully yet, reading Divine Principle 100 times will help you. There is a growing boom of 100-time Divine Principle reading in Korea, after the Philippines. I encourage all of you to make efforts to read Divine Principle.

Fourth, I want to witness to the victory of Danbury. During True Father's imprisonment, an inmate criticized True Father, mocking him and calling, 'Hey, Moon!' Through receiving True Father's love, however, he gradually changed his attitude. He then called True Father 'Mr. Moon,' then 'Reverend Moon' to 'Father Moon.'

In Danbury, True Father was constantly exposed and in danger of being assassinated. As you know, Mr. Kamiyama was protecting True Father while he was there with him. But after Mr. Kamiyama was released and True Father was left alone in Danbury, this person was protecting True Father. (His letter is included in the book.) Jesus Christ died on the cross. But True Father came out of Danbury alive. This victory made the worldwide foundation. I worked closely with True Parents for 13 years. During my 63 years of life of faith, Danbury was the most unforgettable time. Inheriting the victory of Danbury means taking True Parents' suffering into my own life of faith and overcoming to become a true leader. Thank you.

Then two Unificationist-born college students presented Divine Principle lectures by using the Three-Hour Lecture PowerPoint. "Chapter 7, Christology" was presented by Sarah Takhar, then "The Providence of Restoration in Abraham's Family" by Joshua Holmes. Both are current college students and CARP members who graduated from Generation Peace Academy.

Mrs. Eu said: "True Father told us that in order to convey Divine Principle to Christians, we need to present to them Christology and Restoration. In the lecture manual, True Father personally picked the color of each character. By using this lecture manual, anyone can become a Divine Principle lecturer. I heard that some members say it is not a creative way. But I want you to experience the power of reading."

Mr. Jinseung Eu, Mrs. Eu's son, showed the website of the House of Unification for World Peace, www.houseofunification.com/

After opening the tab "100 Reading," he asked volunteers to read the testimonies. Masataka Asaoka, a Unificationist-born young adult, Stephen Goldstein, Pasquale Santoro, and Darlene D'Silva volunteered to read several testimonies of 100 Reading on the website. After Mr. Eu talked more about the website and books, there was a question and answer session.

Before taking members' questions, Mrs. Eu told us: "It has been 63 years since I joined the Unification Church. I worked by attending True Parents closely. True Father is different from ordinary people, so it is difficult to understand him completely. My husband [the late Rev. Eu Hyowon] was a very clever person. He asked True Father many questions. That content is included in my book; it will help you in your life of faith."

