

## This Week in History (April 3-April 9)

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### True Parents' Day

03.01.1960 on the heavenly calendar, Former Headquarters Church, Korea

True Parents first engagement anniversary on 03.01.1961 (lunar calendar) constituted the first Parents' Day. True Father said, "In March 1960, we established a new day that had never existed in history; that is Parents' Day." He revealed that the motivation in establishing Parents' Day came from their engagement ceremony. Later, during the commemorative service of the 35th Parents' Day, True Father instructed that we add the word "true" to the four main holy days we commemorate. This is how it came to be called True Parents' Day. This year, we celebrated the 57th True Parents' Day.



### The First Jardim Declaration

April 3, 1995, New Hope Farm, Jardim, Brazil

On April 3, 1995, True Parents made the New Hope Farm Declaration through their prayer at True Parents' residence in Jardim, Brazil. Only at the time of the Second Jardim Declaration in 1998 did Father indicate that this declaration had been the First Jardim Declaration. The gist of the First Jardim Declaration is that humankind must have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience toward God just as God created us and the natural world with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.





**Building True Families for World Peace Rally in Korea**  
**April 3, 1997, twenty-two cities in Korea**

The Building True Families for World Peace Rally in Korea concluded on April 3, 1997, in Seongnam, the twenty-second city, where the rally took place. It began on March 13 with the Gyeongnam rally. In each city, True Father gave words of encouragement through the speech, “View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation,” while True Mother gave the keynote speech titled, “In Search of the Origin of the Universe.” Father emphasized, “The Returning Lord will come in the flesh and form new relationships based on God’s lineage; he will do so through the international mass Blessing Ceremonies.”



**Ceremony for the Total Liberation of 6,000 Years of Providential History**  
**April 4, 2002, East Garden, New York**

On April 4, 2002, the Ceremony for the Total Liberation of Six Thousand Years of Providential History took place at East Garden, New York. This was a special ceremony that liberated the evil spirits that had blocked central figures within the providence of restoration from completing their responsibilities and one through which the eight levels of liberation were attained. On 2.22 on the lunar calendar at 0:22 minutes 22 seconds, in connection with the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, True Parents

carried out liberation in a prayer. In their prayer, Father said, “Now that we have welcomed an era in which we can newly pioneer and organize, we desire to dedicate this sacred liberation ceremony of all indemnity.”



**Proclamation of the Era of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification  
April 8, 1997 at the Guri Central Training Center, Korea**

True Parents proclaimed the Era of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification at a rally in the Central Training Center in Guri, Korea on April 8, 1997. Approximately 1,000 national messiahs and leaders from Korea and Japan were in attendance as True Father announced that the Holy Spirit

Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSAUWC) would officially change its name to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU).

