FFWPU USA: We celebrate opening the Cheon Won Gung, True Mother's 80th birthday, and HJ Cosmic Blessing Festival

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There was much to celebrate within our global Unificationist community this past week! From May 2 to 7, several <u>major events</u> in Korea - including the grand opening of the Cheon Won Gung, True Mother's 80th birthday, and the 2023 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival - touched the lives of members from all over the world.

The 2023 Blessing was the first global ceremony held in Korea in the last two years since the Covid-19 pandemic began. More than 8,000 couples of different cultures and backgrounds received the Marriage Blessing officiated by True Mother at the World Peace Center and simultaneously via live broadcast in 195 countries. The momentous Blessing was only heightened by the celebration of True Mother's 80th birthday and the historic dedication ceremony of the Cheon Won Gung, as well as other long-awaited providential projects like the HJ Botanical Garden and HJ Marina and Cruise. Well wishes and congratulatory messages to True Parents poured in from across the U.S. and abroad. Below are some of the beautiful sentiments from our dear brothers and sisters.

To our Beloved True Mother on Earth and True Father in Heaven, we send our warmest wishes, prayers and love to you from the beautiful campus of Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS. Thank you for holding up the world, may all your dreams come true.

Our Beloved True Mother, the Begotten Daughter of Heaven and Earth. As we celebrate your 80th anniversary of your Holy Birth here in our humble home, we would like to offer to you our gratitude for your love to humanity.

Dear True Mother, we are so grateful to spend these special celebrations with True Parents. We thank you for your blessings. Happy birthday, congratulations [on] the temple, and good health to you. Best wishes for you. We love you so much.

Beloved True Mother, we will always and forever support and attend you True Mother. We will be in the frontline to bring victory [and] glory to you True Mother.

Beloved True Mother, we all, as a blessed family, greet you from the deepest of our hearts and wish you a very happy birthday full of joy, peace, and happiness. We pray our Creator [to] always bless and protect you forever.

To our victorious True Parents, we offer our gratitude for guiding us on how to become a filial divine son and daughter of Heavenly Parent and True Parents. We will do our utmost best, True Mother, to bring more victories.

Dear True Mother, we are forever grateful to you and True Father on behalf of our family and tribe for bringing us into our Heavenly Parent's embrace. We love you!

You can read more inspiring words from members and share your own personal message to True Parents <u>here</u>.



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## Peace Summit 2023 Kicks Off Korea Events



Several major events are underway in Korea this week under the leadership of True Mother, including Peace Summit 2023: Toward A World Culture of Peace; *Think Tank 2022* sessions; dedication ceremonies for the Cheon Won Gung, HJ Botanical Garden, and HJ Cruise and Marina; and the HJ Cheonbo Great Works program, as well as True Mother's 80th birthday celebration and the 2023 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing Festival.

Global leaders are currently in Seoul for the peace summit – organized by the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) at the Jamsil Lotte Hotel from May 2 through 6 – to discuss modern challenges to global well-being and ways to advance a world culture of peace.

"We stand at a critical juncture in history, with rising threats to peace emerging across the globe," stated Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, chairman of UPF International, in a recent press release for the event. "Our awareness of this unstable context underscores the importance of our work during Peace Summit 2023."

Delegations from more than 150 countries, including government, business, and faith leaders, have joined cross-industry experts and academics to examine prospects for greater regional cooperation and increased efforts toward peacebuilding. *Think Tank 2022*, a key project of UPF, focuses on bringing peace to the Korean Peninsula, East Asia, and the Indo-Pacific Rim Region – a principal goal of True Parents, UPF's cofounders, to bring about lasting peace in other parts of the world. These different events, live-streamed from Korea and accessible simultaneously in time zones around the world and in multiple languages, emphasize the importance of actively engaging global leaders and everyday citizens. A highlight of this year's peace summit is the inauguration of a new initiative called the International Elders Roundtable. This global project is designed to capture the wisdom and experience of elders to establish peace and stability in the society and nation.

"Youth and adults have vision and enthusiasm, but elders provide a path by their experience and knowledge," said H.E. Maithripala Sirisena, former president of Sri Lanka, who was at planning meetings for the elders initiative. "Hence, for there to be eternal peace and prosperity, there must be cooperation between elders, adults, and youth in our society."

Other upcoming highlights are the peace summit's Sunhak Peace Prize, as well as the dedication ceremonies of the new HJ Botanical Garden, HJ Cruise and Marina, and the Cheon Won Gung building — a huge multimedia exhibit hall and temple intended to be "a homeland for the world and hometown of the heart for all people," True Father said in 1997.

The week's events will culminate with the 2023 Hyojeong Cosmic Blessing, a victory celebration, and the International Association of Youth and Students for Peace (IAYSP) Assembly.

You can watch all the live-streamed events in Korea here.

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