

## Welcome to Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Peace Festival

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Beloved peace-loving citizens who have come to the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Peace Festival, I am so happy to meet you. First of all, I sincerely welcome all of you who have come to this Peace Festival today. Today's Peace Festival is celebrated by not only the blessed families and members of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, but also our guests and contacts and lovers of peace who know of and are attending Heavenly Parent's Holy Community for the first time. Not only from our Cheonwon Church but from all of Korea, Japan and throughout Asia -- more than three hundred thousand people have gathered here through our webcast and interactive platform. To welcome one another, let us all together offer enthusiastic applause!

Everyone! Peace is the common ideal that all humankind has dreamed of. From peace within ourselves, within a family, peace between ethnic peoples, between nations, and even world peace -- everyone, across the borders of races, religions, and cultures, wishes for peace. Unfortunately, true peace has never been realized in all of history.

Dr. Han Hak-Ja, our True Mother, says that the reason for that is that humankind has not been able to accomplish the ideal of one human family under Heavenly Parent by serving God, the true parent of all of humankind, as their Heavenly Parent.

Yes, no peace can exist between siblings without parents. Because parents are the center for the brothers and sisters in a family. No true peace can exist in the world without God, who is our parent. Because of this, Dr. Hak-Ja Han, our True Mother, has traveled around the world each year, quickly moving to wherever she was most needed. She has visited the most remote corners of the world -- remaining on the move throughout her life to help people understand God as their Heavenly Parent. Impressed by her lifestyle, heads of state and religious leaders began to relate with her beyond the walls of government and religion, calling her the Mother of Peace.

Our Peace Festival today is a festival and occasion of blessing, hosted by President Hak-ja Han Moon, the Mother of Peace. This is an excerpt from her memoir:

The desire of all people is to receive all the blessings of God. Happiness is when human beings, who have lost their parent, find him again after searching for six thousand years. There is nothing more joyful. To be religious is to search for and find such a parent.

Ladies and gentlemen! Through this peace festival today, I pray that through serving God as our Heavenly Parent under the banner of the Heavenly Parent's Holy Community, we can all become peace lovers that receive Heaven's blessings.

Furthermore, we plan to hold a Peace Festival on five occasions, starting with the theme "blessing" today, and then subsequently on the themes of joy, gratitude, happiness, and resolve. Through this festival, I pray that we can encounter our original Parent, who has been lost to us for six thousand years, and embark on a journey of blessing to find our true selves.