

Heavenly Parent's Holy Community Peace Festival - A Lifetime of Grace-Filled Memories

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My name is Hye-seon Jeong, and I'm an actress in Korea. Today, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to True Mother for inviting me to this precious occasion of the Peace Festival. Whenever there was a big event, I came here to Chung Pyung. However, when I came to Cheon Jeong Gung, my heart became solemn. After being there a number of times, it feels like my home now and I feel very comfortable.

First encounter with the church

In 1957, when I was in my first year at Sudo Girls' Middle School, I met a good friend and classmate who was a devout Unification Church believer, and my friend brought me to Cheongpa-dong Church for the first time. I was a Sunday school teacher, and my whole family was attending a Presbyterian Church. I was young but interested in religion, so I

think that is why I followed her. One day, the friend took me to the Unification Church revival meeting on a white sandy beach on the Han River. This was probably around 1957. At that time, there were many revival meetings, and students interested in religion went to that sandy beach after class.

Our church president, Sun Myung Moon, who was a bachelor at the time, was very handsome and famous. Speaking in the language of these times, he was as popular with the students as steamed buns! When I went to church meetings, he gave amazing sermons. There was probably no one who could resist after listening to his sermons.

Looking back now, I think how happy I would have been had I become a devout Unificationist, going to the Cheongpa-dong Church with my friend and going to revival meetings. Though my mind told me, "I should go to the church," I regret that I did not keep up my faith and have been reflecting on all this. But now a lot of time has passed.

Destiny: meeting again as a peace ambassador

As the years went by, I worked as an actress. Through fellow celebrities, it was suggested to me, quite by chance, to attend an Ambassador for Peace educational trip. Back then, I was busy making broadcast appearances and couldn't actually afford the time to go to Osaka due to my busy schedule. My heart, however, told me to attend, regardless, and I ended up doing so. I realized that those "destined to meet » do end up connecting in this manner.

Several celebrities attended the Osaka training, which took place over four days. Dr. Min-ha Kim took care of us like a homeroom teacher, and UPF chairman Jeong-ro Yun gave the main presentations. At that time, the lectures firmly caught my attention, and I always sat in the front seat and listened with my head raised. I listened so seriously that I ended up feeling unwell with exhaustion.

Ever since, I have participated in various activities as a peace ambassador whenever I get the chance. To mention some of the most memorable events, I remember volunteering at a dumpling restaurant run by North Korean refugees, sending rice to North Korea, and visiting a nursing home in Daejeon to sing to the elderly people there. I also remember many of us peace ambassadors gathering on the street with Sun Moon University President Sun-jo Hwang to do a campaign entitled "Food is Love."

"When we communicate, we can do good things together and help each other. Otherwise, it is impossible to love those around you," he said. I remember walking around the streets wearing a sash. At that time, I did a lot of volunteer work with the peace ambassadors, and I believe that it is thanks to this that I now enjoy such good health and happiness.

After I became a peace ambassador, I had more exchanges and got closer to Dr. and Mrs. Moon. Through this, I came to discover new traits in them that I had never imagined. One day, I heard that they were leaving the country, and because they were traveling to and working in various countries, I felt we would not be able to see them for several months, so I went out to the airport to see them off.

I remembered that Dr. Moon liked fishing, so I bought him sunglasses for sun protection and a muffler for

President Han. However good something may be, I was worried for a while and wondered if I should indeed give it to them as they most probably have everything they need. But I was very happy because Father and Mother liked them and thanked me as they received them. These two people hold the position of chairman and chairwoman, yet once again I felt they value other people's hearts.

The news of Dr. Sun Myung Moon's ascension

When I heard the news of Dr. Moon's Ascension, I went to pay my respects and offered a deep bow, and I couldn't stop myself from weeping so much.... I had met him when I was in junior high school and came to see him like this after several decades. I couldn't stop shedding tears out of gratitude but also regret for a sinful person like me to have had the opportunity to meet not just an ordinary person but someone like Dr. Moon, and to have had the chance to come to know him up close. Even now, my heart is still pained with these memories.

Recently, I attended a Rally of Hope that Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon had hosted, and I was surprised. I was amazed that the world could communicate through online video, and it was truly touching and impressive to see Dr. Han, feeling so different from her young days, speaking with a strong voice. I heard that HJ Cheonwon is called the Revival Plaza. I am deeply grateful to Chairwoman Hak Ja Han, the Mother of Peace, who is reviving the world through the Rallies of Hope and taking the lead in resolving issues to do with peace on the Korean Peninsula and the environment.

In my personal opinion, how difficult it would be for someone who is of a certain age, and who should be living a comfortable life, to go to various countries around the world and speak about peace and environmental issues. When I see Mother, who invests everything including putting her health, her body, on the line for world peace, I am convinced that she is truly one whom Heaven has sent and an apostle of peace.

A few days ago, I received a gift of a copy of Mother's memoir, Mother of Peace, from her daughter-in-law, UPF Chair Yeon-ah Moon and UPF President Hyunyoung Lee. I haven't read it all yet, but I am coming to clearly know, in keeping with the title of the book, that Mother is the Mother of Peace. However, I cannot deny that I am concerned about Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's health and hope that she can look after her health, and that her children and all members can quickly bring about the completion of both Rev. Moon's and Mrs. Moon's holy work. To simply have Dr. Han working so hard for the providence and always being there and in good health, is indeed a blessing to all of you blessed families, here today.



Peace cannot be achieved by human power alone

As Mother said at the Rally of Hope, I have come to feel that the reunification of Korea, and peace, cannot be achieved by human power. Now, as God is with us, I believe that we should not relax, but that we should work together to make it happen.

People around me know that I am going to gatherings or meetings of the Unification Church, and they sometimes ask me what kind of place it is. Every time I tell them that I would have become an enthusiastic participant had I were younger because the church is full of peace and love. Whenever I saw Father and Mother Moon holding hands together and see the smiles of the Unification Church members, I feel somewhat envious of them.

I proudly speak of all the good people from the Family Federation who always take care of me with love. I pray that you will find the strength to accomplish the work you want to do in attendance of Mother. I am an ambassador for peace. Together with all of you, I will work to promote UPF as a UPF honorary ambassador. Once again, I would like to thank Mother for inviting me to this event today. Please continually become healthier and healthier. Thank you!