

Tomiko Duggan completed the Holy Wine Ceremony for 450 couples in America

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Fueled by the love and guidance of True Parents, Tomiko Duggan, the Director of Public Relations for Universal Peace Federation (UPF), has completed the Holy Wine Ceremony for 450 couples in America.

LIVING FOR AMERICA FOR TRUE PARENTS

Her journey toward this achievement began when Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, the Continental Chairman of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), had told Unificationists that when 12 couples finish blessing 430 couples each in America, great things will happen to the nation. Tomiko was determined to help America reach this goal: “I just felt I owe so much to this nation. True Father invited many Japanese people to America because he wanted us live and see the world.” She continued, “Because I was here, because of True Parents, I was able to see the world.”

Her gratitude for True Parents further drove her desire to fulfill this mission. “I really had a lot to offer to True Parents because of how much they have trained me and loved me,” she said. “So that was my heart - to give back to True Parents for all they have given to me.”

Because of Tomiko’s boundless appreciation for True Parents, the announcement that True Mother will be coming to Madison Square Garden on July 15 proved to be an opportunity to give back to True Mother. “I am grateful to True Mother, who stands as a true daughter of God,” Tomiko said. “She makes

me want to be a true daughter of God, so I wanted to give her good news. I wanted to finish 430 couples before True Mother comes to New York as an offering to welcome True Mother.”

Feeling the love of God once more, Tomiko began tearing up as she explained that her dedication to bring joy to True Parents was rooted in their heart for God: “True Parents were really telling me, ‘Do not start from your point of view. Live, think, and start from God’s point of view.’” She continued, “I felt God told me, ‘I trained you to live for this nation!’” With this loving guidance forever entrenched in her heart, Tomiko has continued to commit herself to America, to True Parents, and to God, who have loved her so dearly.

UNITY THROUGH A CULTURE OF LOVE AND PRAYER

As God’s love was all around in Tomiko’s life, she was fearless in her course to help 450 couples complete the Holy Wine Ceremony. She remarked, “I realized that God was very much alive, walking with me, side by side. So, I had no problem meeting people, testifying about my Heavenly Parent.”

Her approach in meeting strangers was also founded on God. “Before speaking to them, I would have this mentality that I should really pray for each and every one of the 430 couples.” Thus, her first question to each couple was a request asking to pray together. “Let’s create a culture of prayer for our nation,” Tomiko would suggest to the strangers. As many of them were of religious faith, they responded positively to her request and agreed to do so -- even when Tomiko had stopped them in the middle of a sidewalk.

Tomiko also engaged in conversation and began to develop relationships with people through the common value of family. When she asked people about the importance of family and love, they would stop to hear what she had to say, many accepting the Holy Wine. Although there were still people who disengaged from conversation, Tomiko’s commitment to True Parents and her mission did not waver.

Tomiko recalled one recent encounter in which she had asked a woman if she could pray for her. The woman agreed, but told Tomiko, “I never stop for people, but I stopped for you because of a dream I had last night. A stranger asked if she could pray for me.” Moved by the way God created the situation, Tomiko and the woman passionately prayed for each other in front of a grocery store.

Despite these great moments and her achievements, Tomiko remains driven to give more back to True Parents: “This is not the end; I will continue,” said Tomiko, with True Parents in her heart.