

FFWPU USA: Mud Hut to Global Movement - 70 Years Anniversary of HSA-UWC

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On this 70th anniversary since the founding of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, we take a look back at the humble beginnings of True Parents' movement to reconnect humanity to their Heavenly Parent.

"Some people ask me why Cheongpa-dong Church Headquarters is so shabby, even as the Unification Church makes such a sensation worldwide. Indeed it looks shabby, even to me. Its roof was messy with broken tiles and in need of repair, but I leave it as it is without fixing it. It is not because I do not have the money, but I would rather save that money and spend it for the salvation of the Korean people. I know it is not easy to live with so many people crammed into this small church. We are not the only ones who are aware of this.

God knows it even better than we do. Seeing us like this, people outside our community may think us foolish, but I do not agree. I have never prayed to God, asking, 'Please build me a church.' I even feel honored to be in this situation, with so many people in this small, cramped place. When there is an event here, everyone pushes and shoves to come inside.

When this happens, rather than feeling miserable, you should have the heart to comfort God's sorrow, praying, 'Aren't we fortunate to be in this situation?' You need to attend events with this kind of heart. When our church has people with this kind of heart, we will be able to pay the indemnity to restore the world.

These miserable circumstances are a true treasure that we Koreans experience, and they are a resource we can use for restoration through indemnity. These circumstances are not a condition for unhappiness. They are rather a condition that bestows upon us the benefit and grace of deeply penetrating God's inner heart and situation, connecting us to the level of His heart and His desire to build us a better church."

- Sun Myung Moon