

## An Organization that Wins the Trust and Response of the Nation

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A new year is upon us. I am grateful that we can welcome 2016 with our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

When we look back on the past year, what is most memorable is the special blessing ceremony for three couples held at the end of July. At that time, True Parents declared, “I shall open the gates of the blessing in Japan.” We shall make these words a reality.

On August 26, we officially changed the name of our organization to the Family Federation. The Japanese church was entrusted with overseeing the events of third anniversary of True Father’s Seonghwa, which was concluded with great success centering on the performance of the musical. On October 12 at the Makuhari Messe in the city of Chiba, more than ten thousand people were at the launching of the Family Federation. Their fervor and hope were tangible throughout the event.

At the end of September, the lawsuit filed by Toru Goto against his kidnappers concluded and in November Mr. Goto received an offer from Netflix to film a one-hour documentary. Netflix is the largest provider of on-demand streaming media in the world with more than 65

million members.

Last year, was truly a time during which we faithfully built our foundation both inside and outside our movement. In 2015, the year of the blue sheep, heaven’s blessings truly overflowed. The question now is whether we can continue to walk amid such blessings from Heaven. Can we or can we not? This is the lifeline of our lives of faith. What is most important in order to walk continuously amid heaven’s blessings is uniting in heart with True Parents.

To do this it is vital to have a correct, deep and accurate understanding of True Parents’ circumstances, their hearts and their wishes. This is no easy task. Fortunately, Yeon-ah Moon, who attends True Parents closely, has frequently visited Japan to testify about True Parents’ deep love and their realm of their heart. Our church publications have covered her visits, so I hope that you take the time to read her testimony. I am confident it will be of some help to you.

On this foundation of faith, we should now earnestly engage in heavenly tribal messiah activities. Five thousand couples in Japan have expressed their determination to become tribal messiahs. By Foundation Day in February, we expect to have ten thousand such couples and later our goal is to reach twenty thousand. Our victory through tribal messiah activities is tantamount to inheriting True Parents’ realm of victory. Whether or not we are triumphant will determine the fate of the providence. Therefore, carrying out tribal messiah activities is the greatest expression of filial piety to our Heavenly Parent.

On the foundation of these heavenly tribal messiah activities, which are taking root in each region in Japan, we shall carry out a movement to save the nation and the world. We will also launch the True Family campaign as a solution to the issues arising from our low national birth rate and our aging society. I call upon all of you to work together in making the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification an institution that can win the trust and respect of the nation and society. I conclude my new year’s address by praying for your health and that each one of you can actively fulfill our Heavenly Parent’s will.