

Clifton Family Church Open Council Meeting
11/19/2017

Began at 12:57pm

AGENDA

Sharings from members who attended the Japanese IPEC workshop and the Global Rally in South Korea.

IPEC 7-Day Japanese Workshop

Mrs. Noriko Sprague: It was the fourth Japanese DP workshop at IPEC and this time over 100 people attended. It has been 40 years since I have joined the church and we never had this kind of impactful Divine Principle workshop all in Japanese. A Japanese lecturer came to teach about the most recent and updated teachings and reports about True Parents. The content gave me a deep, heartistic experience about God and True Parents. Even though we try to do HDH, to be able to do this 7 day concentrated DP workshop was very good and I heard words from True Parents I never heard before. Before True Father passed away, True Mother told and promised True Father that she would accomplish his ideal in her lifetime. That is why she is so serious right now to accomplish these things before she joins True Father. If everyone has a chance and can take the time, they should try to attend the workshop. We also went on a trip to the Grand Canyon.

-14 members from the New Jersey community attended this workshop.

Mr. Atsushi Takino: I had a chance to attend the 7 day workshop. I actually always read the DP every day, but I still got many inspirations through this workshop. True Father mentioned and emphasized the strong point of Japanese members is Hyo Jeong. It is not a new word. The most important point was the 4 position foundation. We can use it in all aspects of our lives. Even the restoration is based on the 4 position foundation. True Father talked about Hyo Jeong in 1965.

Prior to the workshop, I was very busy every day but because my birthday was on Oct. 23 and the workshop started on the 24th I felt I needed to go. I learned that if someone emphasizes the family instead of the individual and saving the family, True Father said that is the final religion. Jesus' life and True Parents' life is about restoring God's True Love.

-Takino-san shared some slides showing historic photos about the first few members, Rev. Eu and his lecture style, members fundraising and how they have a tooth of True Father's in a museum from the time he had to have it removed.

Global Rally in Korea

Mrs. Yoko Burns: It had been 13 years since I visited Korea so I was very happy to visit True Parents' nation. At the Seoul event area there were 2200 buses. It was incredible. As I saw the screen there were 80,000 people and I thought, "Wow, the Koreans are working so hard". At the religious leaders conference for 1 and a half days each religious leader spoke for just 5-7 minutes, but it was incredible and because of Father and Mother the ministers' minds are getting closer to seeing God and the connection with True Parents. All the leaders were so humble. I took a picture with a religious leader from Zimbabwe who has 3000 bishops under him. I had brought holy juice since we were doing Blessing activities and was able to give the

Blessing to a woman who didn't want to be Blessed to her husband in the spirit world, but then had a change of heart and accepted it.

The ACLC workers were working really hard behind the scenes. We never really see these members, but they were even at the airport to welcome the ministers from Korea.

Mr. Manuel Liba: One striking point about watching (live broadcast) the event in Korea was that True Mother spoke without notes or earphone telling her what to say. Mother started speaking and it came flowing out. I felt her words radiated out and I was so captivated. It came naturally and my heart felt so complete.

Mrs. Cynthia Nakai: I got an email from Noriko that the choir was invited to Korea. I signed up right away, but then I started to panic because people were telling me not to go and that Korea will get bombed.

I was part of a pilgrimage and I would try to talk to people, but kept crying because it was so moving. On the second day, I went to the Seoul church and they had a little section for the choir, and at this point we didn't know who was a member and who was part of A Curtis Farrow's choir so we were all very polite to each other and with the Korean choir it was phenomenal. We shopped around in Itaewon for 2 hours then went to another shopping area.

The next day we went to Cheong Pyeong. We saw the Seorak mountains and went to the palace where we saw the historic display which was very beautiful and a prayer room. We got on the bus again and went to the hamburger place (Heaven G Burger). We went to a banquet meeting with True Mother and got to sing for everyone. When we sang at the Korean Church, A Curtis Farrow wanted to make sure we sang 2 songs instead of just one and had brought a 12 year old who sang a beautiful rendition of the song. The Korean members really took good care of us and it was an amazing experience. If you get a chance to go please do.

Closed in prayer by Mr. Alex Beebe at 1:38pm