

## Passing of Our Beloved Sister, Nomnandi (Nandi) Bengu

Ki Hoon Kim and Richard Buessing December 29, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved Sister, Nomnandi (Nandi) Bengu, of the Harlem Family Church, ascended to the Spirit World on Monday, December 18, after a courageous battle with Lupus and its complications. Nandi was born in South Africa and joined our Unification Movement after learning the Divine Principle, and committing herself to a life of devotion and dedication to Heavenly Parent and True Parents. After coming to the USA, Nandi continued to live fully for God. She has participated in many church activities, as well as the providential work through the Women's Federation for World Peace, both with the UN team and with WFWP USA. Her beautiful spirit always shown through when she was singing, and her family, friends, and brothers and sisters will forever cherish her life and memory.

Nandi is survived by her two daughters, Hyung Ah and Haylin, her mother, and other extended family members.

Let us join together to support Nandi's family, and pray for her victorious transition to a glorious new life in the spiritual world, and her settlement in Heaven with Heavenly Parent and True Father.

Following is Nandi's biography and information about her Seonghwa ceremony from Rev. Edner Pierre-Louis, New York's District Pastor.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim **Regional Chairman** 

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim Regional Chairman New Richard Bussing

Rev. Richard Buessing President

The Victorious Life of Nomnandi (Nandi) Bengu June 8, 1975 - December 18, 2017



Nomnandi (Nandi) Bengu was born in South Africa on June 8, 1975, and attended primary and secondary school, where she met the Unification movement via CARP activities. In 1995, she committed herself to join the movement after studying the Divine Principle. With enthusiasm she engaged herself in missionary activities in her hometown Johannesburg, until 1997 when she travelled to the USA to support the American Mission, starting first in Washington DC. She joined the 911 Team under the leadership of Rev. Levy Daugherty, doing outreach work to Christian churches and ministries. Working with CARP, she mastered the Character/Abstinence Education Curriculum, educating hundreds of high school students in the system. Educating youth on clear moral values and the reasons for living by them was her great passion.

On November 28, 1997 Nandi received the Holy Marriage Blessing with Mr. Jonte Moton at RFK stadium in Washington DC. The union produced 2 beautiful girls, Hyung Ah, 14, and Haylin, 11.

From 1997 to 1998, Nandi's mission was on the Mobile Fundraising Team. In a short time she had the opportunity to travel far and wide across the USA, learning about the American way of life. From 1998 to 1999 she reengaged with CARP-USA, drawing strength of faith from the clear vertical standards espoused in their training. She also formed a number of deep bonds of friendships that lasted to this day.

In 1999, Jonte and Nandi set up home in Atlanta, Georgia, where they gave birth to and raised their two children. Nandi involved herself in the local activities of the Atlanta Family, where she led the Choir to new heights. In 2013, Nandi and her children moved to New York City, set up home with the Harlem Family Church, and Nandi deeply engaged herself in local as well as providential activities.

Nandi loved to sing as her offering to God and True Parents. She was a firecracker in character, fearless in her determination to get things done, deeply devoted to True Parents, and never failed to call out sloppy standards of conduct in Principle. She leaves behind many wonderful memories of what it means to live a life of profound dedication.

Our dear sister Nandi ascended to the Spirit World on the morning of December 18 at Bellevue Hospital after over 2 years of battling the dreadful autoimmune disease, Lupus.

## Seonghwa Ceremony

Nandi's Seonghwa ceremony will take place on Friday, January 5, 2018

**Location:** Metropolitan Baptist Church 151 West 128 st ( corner of Adam Clayton Powell Blvd, or 7th ave) New York, NY 10027

Viewing: 2pm-6pm

Seonghwa: 6:30pm-9pm

**Weon Jon ceremony** will take place in the morning of Saturday, January 6, at the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in Westchester.

Vehicles leave the Church at 8:30 am on Saturday for burial at Sleepy Hollow.

## **Condolences, Donations and Flowers:**

Condolences and Financial gifts in support of the Seonghwa Ceremony can be made out to HSA-UWC Harlem:

Harlem Family Church 147 West 120 St. New York, NY 10026

Flowers can be sent to:

Owens Funeral Home 216 Malcolm X Blvd New York, NY 10027 (212) 427-7888

Donations are also welcome through <u>www,gofundme</u>. com/nadi2

All funds collected will be used for the funeral expenses and for Nandi's two daughters.

Please visit the In Memoriam Page for Nandi Bengu: <u>bfm.familyfed,org/in-memoriam/nomnandi-bengu/</u>