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Dear True Mother, Distinguished and Respected Colleagues, Religious Leaders, Ambassadors for Peace, Ladies, and Gentlemen: It is a great honor to address this august assembly from many diverse faiths and traditions. I am grateful to the True Parents for this opportunity and the platform they have given us to show that all of us can truly realize God's dream of creating one family under God.

Father Moon once said, "God is color blind. He is not a denominationalist." God is striving to put an end to divisions and boundaries between his children. I would like to commend Father and Mother Moon for their emphasis on renewing the family as a foundation for world peace.

True Mother, my wife and I have heeded your call to renew marriages and family. Not only did we rededicate our marriage by receiving your Blessing, we are mobilizing religious leaders from the Apostolic Christian Council of Zimbabwe, an umbrella organization for more than a thousand independent churches with a membership of eight million

members to take part in the Blessing Movement. We are happy to report that so far two thousands bishops and pastors have taken part in the Blessing Ceremony.

Our vision is to see marriages in Zimbabwe officiated more and more by blessed religious leaders! Next, we have started to take this Blessing Movement into the churches and communities. The result so far, is very encouraging. Testimonies of the positive impact of the Blessing on marriages are plentiful. Zimbabwe is reviving spiritually, thanks to your blessings, True Mother!

The forty bishops who recently went with me to Zambia for a three-day conference admit that it was a spiritual awakening, a complete new approach seeking to strengthen the family, the church and the nation. They appreciate the grace extended to us at churches in Zimbabwe by the True Mother. They were all blessed in the last Blessing Ceremony we organized in Zimbabwe on October 29. They are inspired and crave more such retreats in the future.

Jesus said in Matthew 18:19–20, "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." This was meant not just for Christians. Our Heavenly Parent will listen to us if we gather from all faiths to pray and work for peace. Korea is a blessed land. This country has the privilege of being the birthplace of Father and Mother Moon. It is unfortunate that it is still divided along ideological lines. Let us pray that the unity so much cherished by the Korean people, both North and South, can finally come based on the efforts and sincere commitment of all the stakeholders centered on True Parents. As stressed by Mother Moon, the unity should be based on true love, not force. We do not want another war on this peninsula. I believe that centered on the True Parents of humankind, everlasting peace is possible among the Korean people.

As religious leaders, we are at the forefront in the fight to bring about God's kingdom of peace. Let us join Mother Moon, the only begotten daughter, in healing marriages, building bridges between religions and ultimately bringing peace to this world! This has been God's long cherished dream.

Thank you dear Lord, Mother Moon and all who have gathered here today for this magnificent rally for the peaceful reunification of the Korean Peninsula. May the peace of Christ be upon you, your family and faith tradition! Amen and Aju!